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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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Subject: **Draft License Application for Subsequent License**
White River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2444-036)

Dear Secretary Bose:

Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin (NSPW or Licensee) is the owner and operator of the White River Hydroelectric Project (Project) (FERC No. 2444). The Project is located on the White River, in the Town of White River in Ashland County, Wisconsin and the Town of Kelly in Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The current license expires on July 31, 2025.

In accordance with 18 CFR 4.32 (h), NSPW hereby files the enclosed Draft License Application for the relicensing of the Project. The Licensee has prepared the DLA to conform to the requirements of the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR §§ 4.38, 4.61, and 16.10 as required under the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). The Commission approved NSPW's request to use the TLP via their September 16, 2020 letter.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 4.38, and by copy of this letter (via e-mail and/or US mail), the Licensee is providing a link to the Project's relicensing website at <http://hydrorelicensing.com/>. From this website, an electronic copy of the DLA's public documents may be downloaded for review by the resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other potential interested parties included in the attached distribution list. Written comments are due within 90 days of the date of this filing. Should stakeholders experience difficulty downloading any documents, or prefer to receive an electronic version on a USB drive via US mail, they may contact Matthew Miller at 715-737-1353 or matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com.

It should be noted that three of the enclosed documents are unavailable to the public. Those three documents are as follows:

- Exhibit F drawings included in Volume 2 contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). Therefore, NSPW has filed the CEII version of Volume 2 separately with the Commission and designated it as such.
- Appendix E-5 included in Volume 3 contains privileged locational information regarding archaeological resources. Therefore, NSPW has filed Appendix E-5 separately with the Commission and designated the information as privileged.
- Appendix E-21 included in Volume 3 contains privileged locational information regarding threatened and endangered species. Therefore, NSPW has filed Appendix E-21 separately with the Commission and designated the information as privileged.

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Sincerely,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I, on behalf of Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, have this day served by U.S. mail or via email (if a mailing address was not available), the foregoing documents in electronic format upon each person designated on the attached distribution list.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2023

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