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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Northern States Power Company-Minnesota

[Project No. 2056-031]

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene,
and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Aesthetic Flow Adequacy Plan Amendment
- b. Project No: 2056-031
- c. Date Filed: March 30, 2017
- d. Applicant: Northern States Power Company-Minnesota dba Xcel Energy
- e. Name of Project: St. Anthony Falls Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Mississippi River in Hennepin County, Minnesota
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Matthew Miller, Licensing Specialist, Xcel Energy, 1414 West Hamilton Street, PO Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702; phone: (715) 737-1353; or email: mathew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Dr. Mark Ivy, (202) 502-6156 or mark.ivy@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: **June 22, 2017**.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2056-031. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Request: The licensee filed the results of a public perception survey report pursuant to article 403 of the March 8, 2004 Order Issuing New License, which required photo documentation of specific flow levels between 100 and 2,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and periodic filing of minimum flow reports. Due to the results of the public perception survey, Xcel Energy requests Commission approval of an amendment to the aesthetic flow adequacy plan to increase minimum flows from 100 cfs to 300 cfs as a means to enhance aesthetics at the project.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: May 23, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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