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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 2056-055]**

**Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests; Northern States Power Company**

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

- a. Application Type: Public Perception of Aesthetic Flows Survey
- b. Project No: 2056-055
- c. Date Filed: September 30, 2020
- d. Applicant: Northern States Power Company
- e. Name of Project: St. Anthony Falls Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on Hennepin Island along the east bank of the Mississippi River at St. Anthony Falls in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Matthew Miller, Xcelenergy, 1414 W. Hamilton, Ave, PO Box 8, Eau Claire, WI, 54702; telephone (715) 225-8841; or email [matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com)
- i. FERC Contact: Mark Ivy, (202) 502-6156, [mark.ivy@ferc.gov](mailto:mark.ivy@ferc.gov)
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: **November 19, 2020.**

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 FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2615-048. 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 a revised survey instrument for the Public Perception of Aesthetic Flows Survey (Public Perception Survey) as required by the Commission's July 2, 2019 Order Requiring Public Perception Survey and Modifying Article 402. The Public Perception Survey will be used to assess the adequacy of aesthetic flows over the falls from the perspective of visitors to the St. Anthony Falls area.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov\_or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659. 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:** October 20, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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