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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Minot for Proposed Electric Transmission Line

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Minot on Friday, August 18, regarding a proposal for a transmission line to be built in Ward and McHenry Counties.

Northern States Power, doing business as Xcel Energy, has submitted an application for a permit for an approximately 20.5-mile long 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities. Xcel is proposing the project to address reliability needs in the city of Minot and the surrounding area. The project would connect from a new substation (the Magic City substation) to an existing substation near the city of Velva. The majority of the proposed line will follow an existing transmission line, which will remain in service during construction and will then be removed after the new line is energized. The estimated cost of the project is \$50.5 million.

The line will run from the proposed Magic City Substation in Ward County to Great River Energy's existing McHenry Substation in McHenry County. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed route of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Friday, Aug. 18, 2017 – 11 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Sleep Inn
2400 10th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701**

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines,

railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

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