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April 9, 2008

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: EL05-023 "In the matter of the application of Xcel Energy for a construction permit to build 9.6 miles of the Split Rock to Lakefield Junction 345 kV transmission line and add facilities to the Split Rock Substation."

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-38 enclosed, please find three indemnity bonds in favor of Minnehaha County, Red Rock Township and Brandon Township.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,

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Jim Wilcox

LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

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LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY d/b/a XCEL ENERGY 414 Nicollet Mall, 4th Floor - Minneapolis, MN 55401 as Principal, and the LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY , a Massachusetts corporation. as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto MINNEHAHA COUNTY - 415 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104 , as Obligee. in the sum of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 -----Dollars (\$ 50,000.00 for which sum, well and truly to be paid, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Signed and sealed this ______ 26th day of ______ February ______, 2008 . THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business as Right of Way/Construction Permit - Stipulation E105-023 - To Build 9.6 Miles of the Split Rock to Lakefield Junction 345 kV Transmission Line and Add Facilities to the by the Obligee. Split Rock Substation NOW, Therefore, if the Principal well and truly comply with applicable local ordinances, and conduct business in conformity therewith, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect. PROVIDED, HOWEVER; 1. This bond shall continue in force: _____, ____, or until the date of expiration of any Continuation Certificate Until executed by the Surety OR Until canceled as herein provided. 2 This bond may be canceled by the Surety by the sending of notice in writing to the Obligee, stating when, not less than thirty days thereafter, liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts or omissions of the Principal. NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY d/b/a XCEL ENERGY Principal ENSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

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Susan M. Van Prooyen, Attometrin-Fact

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TIMOTHY J. WICKER, SUSAN M. VAN PROOYEN, ALL OF THE C	
, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney- behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recog <u>TWENTY FIVE MILLION AND 00/100*********************************</u>	nizances and other surety obligations in the penal sum not exceeding _ DOLLARS (\$ 25,000,000.00*****) each, and the
execution of such undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obliga Company as if they had been duly signed by the president and attested by the sec	tions, in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the retary of the Company in their own proper persons.
That this power is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following	J By-law and Authorization:
ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Un	
Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys- execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all under attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective p signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto t as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.	in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, intakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their
By the following instrument the chairman or the president has authorized the office	er or other official named therein to appoint attorneys-in-fact:
Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 5 of the By-Laws, Garnet W. Elliott,	Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, is hereby
authorized to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to a deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and of	
That the By-law and the Authorization set forth above are true copies thereof and	are now in full force and effect.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an a Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has been affixed thereto in Plymouth Meeting, 2007	uthorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of Pennsylvania this <u>7th</u> day of <u>May</u> ,
	LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY
	BUC AN CHIA
	Garnet W. Elliott, Assistant Secretary
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ss	
On this <u>7th</u> day of <u>May</u> , <u>2007</u> , before me, a Notary Public that he is an Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; that he	, personally came <u>Garnet W. Elliott</u> , to me known, and acknowledged
Power of Attorney and affixed the corporate seal of Liberty Mutual Insurance Com	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my	undarial soal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Thave hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my first above written.	notanai seai at Flymouth Meeting, Fennsylvania, on the day and year
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OF Teresa Pastella, Notary Public	By leresa Tastella
B. ST Plymouth Twp., Montgomery County My Commission Expires Mar, 28, 2009	Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
CERTIFICATE Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries	
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I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, do is a full, true and correct copy, is in full force and effect on the date of this certific	
said power of attorney is an Assistant Secretary specially authorized by the chair XIII, Section 5 of the By-laws of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.	
This certificate and the above power of attorney may be signed by facsimile of following vote of the board of directors of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company at a r	
VOTED that the facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the company in conner with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the February , 2008.	corporate seal of the said company, this 26 th day of
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY SURETY				
STATE OF MINNESOTA Ss.				
On this <u>26th</u> day of <u>February</u> , <u>2008</u> , before me personally appeared <u>SUSAN M. VAN PROOYEN</u> , known to, me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of <u>Liberty Mutual Insurance Company</u> , the corporation				
that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.				
(Seal)				

LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

Bond 190-017-576

LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall, 4th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55401
as Principal, and the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company , a Massachusetts corporation
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Brandon Township, 47912 257th Street, Garretson, SD 57030
, as Obligee,
in the sum of FITV LOOUS200 200 (UV/10)
Dollars (\$ 50,000.00
for which sum, well and truly to be paid, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.
Signed and sealed this 2nd day of April , 2008.
THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business as <u>Right of Way/Construction Permit – Stipulation E105-023 – To Build</u> by the Obligee. 9.6 Miles of the Split Rock to Lakefield Junction 345 kV Transmissio Line and Add Facilities to the Split Rock Substation
NOW, Therefore, if the Principal well and truly comply with applicable local ordinances, and conduct business in conformity therewith, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.
PROVIDED, HOWEVER; 1. This bond shall continue in force: Until, or until the date of expiration of any Continuation Certificate executed by the Surety
OR Until canceled as herein provided.

2 This bond may be canceled by the Surety by the sending of notice in writing to the Obligee, stating when, not less than thirty days thereafter, liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts or omissions of the Principal.



Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

Principal By Jour T. HEANCH INSURAN ApmiNis

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

B Cynthia L. Hanak Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY SURETY			
STATE OF Missouri City of St. Louis			
On this 2nd day of April appeared Cynthia L. Hanak Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	, 2008 , before me personally , known to me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of		
, the corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.			
My Commission Expires: October 6, 2009 HEIDI A. NOTHEISEN NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL STATE OF MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS CITY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-06-09 COMMISSION #05514582	Auch A. Notheisen Heidi A. Notheisen Notary Public in the State of Missouri City of St. Louis		

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company, pursuant to and by authority of the By-law ar	nd Authorization hereinafter se	
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, each individually if there be more than one named, it behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all FIFTY MILLION AND 00/100*********************************	s true and lawful attorney-in-fa undertakings, bonds, recogniz	act to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on i ances and other surety obligations in the penal sum not exceedir OLLARS (\$ <u>50,000,000.00</u> *****
execution of such undertakings, bonds, recognizance Company as if they had been duly signed by the presid	s and other surety obligation ent and attested by the secret	ns, in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the ary of the Company in their own proper persons.
That this power is made and executed pursuant to and	by authority of the following By	y-law and Authorization:
chairman or the president may prescribe, she execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations se	hat purpose in writing by the all appoint such attorneys-in-fa surety any and all undertak at forth in their respective pow ents and to attach thereto the s	takings. chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as th act, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make kings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Suc ers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall b
By the following instrument the chairman or the preside	nt has authorized the officer or	r other official named therein to appoint attorneys-in-fact:
	as may be necessary to act in	istant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, is hereb behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge an surety obligations.
That the By-law and the Authorization set forth above a	e true copies thereof and are	now in full force and effect.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has been affixed the 2006		prized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of ansylvania this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>October</u>
		LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ss		······
that he is an Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Ins	urance Company; that he kno	rsonally came <u>Garnet W. Elliott</u> , to me known, and acknowledged ows the seal of said corporation; and that he executed the above thereto with the authority and at the direction of said corporation.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribe	I my name and affixed my not	arial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and yea
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed first above written.	ONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	ф Л.,
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	Insurance Company do bara	by certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing
is a full, true and correct copy, is in full force and effect	on the date of this certificate; ly authorized by the chairman	and I do further certify that the officer or official who executed the or the president to appoint attorneys-in-fact as provided in Article
	be signed by facsimile or me	echanically reproduced signatures under and by authority of the ing duly called and held on the 12th day of March, 1980.
	by the company in connection	ssistant secretary of the company, wherever appearing upon a n with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the company
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed	my name and affixed the corp	porate seal of the said company, this <u>2nd</u> day of
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	C. Sol	David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

Bond 190-017-575

LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRE	ESENTS, Tha	at we, Northern S	tates Power Company	d/b/a Xcel Energy	
414 Nicollet Mall, 4th Floor,	Minneapoli	s, MN 55401			
as Principal, and the Liberty M	Autual Insura	ince Company		a Massachusetts	corporation,
as Surety, are held and firmly	bound unto	Red Rock Town	ship, 25913 485th Ave	enue, Valley Springs, SD 57068	
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in the sum of Fifty Thousand	d and 00/10				
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bond shall continue in force:					
Until			, or until the date	of expiration of any Continuation	Certificate
executed by the Surety					
OR					

Until canceled as herein provided.

2 This bond may be canceled by the Surety by the sending of notice in writing to the Obligee, stating when, not less than thirty days thereafter, liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts or omissions of the Principal.



Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy

Principal By T. HEANCH INSURANCE APMINISTRATOR JOHN

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

B Attorney-in-Fact Cynthia L. Hanak

ACKNOWLEDGMEN	T BY SURETY
STATE OF Missouri City of St. Louis	
On this 2nd day of April appeared <u>Cynthia L. Hanak</u> Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	,, before me personally, known to me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of
that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me the	, the corporation hat such corporation executed the same.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.	d affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid
	John R. Frank

My Commission Expires: <u>June 20, 2010</u> (Seal)

JOANN R. FRANK NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL State of Missouri, St. Louis City My commission expires 06-20-10 Commission #06395672 JøAnn R. Frank Nøtary Public in the State of Missouri City of St. Louis

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT IS PRINTED ON RED BACKGROUND. This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated. LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS POWER OF ATTORNEY KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (the "Company"), a Massachusetts stock insurance company, pursuant to and by authority of the By-law and Authorization hereinafter set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint PAMELA A. BEELMAN, CYNTHIA L. HANAK, HEIDI A. NOTHEISEN, DEBRA C. SCHNEIDER, KAREN L. ROIDER, JOANN R. FRANK, ALL OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS. STATE OF MISSOURI...... each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its execution of such undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company in their own proper persons. That this power is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorization: ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings. Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney call 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm EST on any business day. chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary. By the following instrument the chairman or the president has authorized the officer or other official named therein to appoint attorneys-in-fact: interest rate or residual value guarantees Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 5 of the By-Laws, Garnet W. Elliott, Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, is hereby authorized to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. That the By-law and the Authorization set forth above are true copies thereof and are now in full force and effect. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has been affixed thereto in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania this 3rd day of May 2007 LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY W. By (mant Garnet W. Elliott, Assistant Secretary COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SS COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY On this 3rd _day of __May _, 2007, before me, a Notary Public, personally came Garnet W. Elliott, to me known, and acknowledged that he is an Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; that he knows the seal of said corporation; and that he executed the above Power of Attorney and affixed the corporate seal of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company thereto with the authority and at the direction of said corporation. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Lhave hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year OWNONWER first above written. 4 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA firesa Pastella Notarial Seal OF Teresa Pastella, Notary Public Plymoush Twp., Montgomery County My Commission Expires Mar. 28, 2009 Teresa Pastella, Notary Public NSYLVP Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries TARY PUB CERTIFICATE I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy, is in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the officer or official who executed the said power of attorney is an Assistant Secretary specially authorized by the chairman or the president to appoint attorneys-in-fact as provided in Article XIII, Section 5 of the By-laws of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. This certificate and the above power of attorney may be signed by facsimile or mechanically reproduced signatures under and by authority of the following vote of the board of directors of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 12th day of March, 1980. VOTED that the facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed. 2nd IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said company, this day of _____, ____. April lare avre David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

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currency rate.