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

Dear Secretary Bose:

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

NSPW hereby submits the Final License Application (FLA) for the relicensing of the White River Project. The Licensee has prepared the FLA in accordance with the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR §§ 4.38 and 4.61 as required under the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). Licensee's request to use the TLP was approved by the Commission on September 16, 2020.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 4.38, and by copy of this letter (via US certified mail and/or email with return receipt requested), the Licensee is providing a link to the Project's relicensing website at <http://hydrorelicensing.com/>. From this website, an electronic copy of the public documents of the FLA may be downloaded for review by relevant resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties included in the attached distribution list. Should stakeholders experience difficulty downloading the document, 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](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com).

It should be noted that there are two documents hereby filed separately with the Commission that are unavailable to the public. Those two documents include:

- Exhibit F drawings. These drawings, included in Volume 2 of the FLA, contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). Therefore, NSPW has filed these documents as CEII with the Commission and designated them as such.
- Appendix E-21. This appendix, included in Volume 3 of the FLA, contains privileged locational information regarding threatened and endangered species. As such, NSPW has filed this document with the Commission as privileged information.

Should you have any questions, please contact Matthew Miller at 715-737-1353 or [matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com](mailto:matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com).

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Dated this 21st day of July 2023



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