

# PRESS RELEASE

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### UNITED STATES:

# EDF Energies Nouvelles disputes termination of Merricourt wind project by Northern States Power

enXco, the American subsidiary of EDF Energies Nouvelles, announces its intention to dispute the termination notice received on April 1 from Northern States Power Co., an Xcel Energy company, regarding the purchase agreement related to the Merricourt wind project (DSSA).

Northern States Power's (NSP) decision is based on a concern recently raised by the environmental protection authorities about the impact of the project on bird species' migration patterns.

enXco continues to be actively working on these issues and considers the required answers have been provided to NSP. For these reasons, enXco disputes the relevance and materiality of these concerns to NSP's obligations under the parties' agreements.

On November 3, 2008, enXco announced plans to develop and build two projects for Xcel Energy: Nobles wind project (201 MW) in southwestern Minnesota and the Merricourt wind project (150 MW) in North Dakota. Both projects were approved on May 28, 2009 by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. On August 12, 2009, the North Dakota Public Service Commission approved the public convenience and necessity of the Merricourt wind project. The Nobles wind project was successfully developed and constructed, entering into service on December 28, 2010.

#### **About EDF Energies Nouvelles**

With operations in Europe and North America, EDF Energies Nouvelles is a market leader in green electricity production. With a development focused on wind energy for several years and more recently on solar photovoltaic, the Group is also present in other segments of the renewable energies market: small hydro, marine energy, biomass, biofuel and biogas. In addition, the Group is expanding in the distributed renewable energies sector.

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