

## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ) NORTHERN STATES POWER ) COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR ) APPROVAL OF ITS 2014 ) TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ) ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING 2014 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ADJUSTMENT  EL14-016</b>
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On February 21, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Transmission Cost Recovery (Petition) from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel). The Petition requests Commission approval of its 2014 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2014, Xcel proposes to continue recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 22 transmission projects located throughout its service territory. No new projects are being added at this time. Xcel proposes to recover \$3.97 million associated with these projects for the 2014 calendar year. Included in the \$3.97 million figure is the 2013 over-collection balance of \$407,217. The total of the transmission investment costs and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$1.95 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is an increase of \$1.95 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. The Company proposes to implement a rate of \$0.002606 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning April 1, 2014, through December 2014. This represents an increase of \$0.002606 from the existing rate of \$0.00 per kWh. On March 18, 2014, the Commission received a Revised Attachment 14 – Revenue Requirement by Project. Xcel and Staff agreed to a May 1, 2014, effective date as opposed to the April 1, 2014, effective date proposed by Xcel. Revised attachments reflecting the revised rate due to the revised effective date were filed on Friday, April 11, 2014.

On February 27, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 14, 2014, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 71

Canceling 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 71

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 15, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff (Staff) recommended approval of the TCR rate factor and revised tariff sheet with an effective date of May 1, 2014. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the TCR rate factor and revised tariff sheet with an effective date of May 1, 2014, subject to a compliance filing by Xcel reflecting the removal of the costs of the Hollydale project, due to the Minnesota PUC granting Xcel's request to withdraw the Hollydale certificate of need and route permit applications. The compliance filing shall be subject to Staff's review and approval. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the tariff revision set forth above is approved effective May 1, 2014, subject to Xcel's filing a substitute sheet if necessary as ordered below. It is further

ORDERED, that prior to implementing the revised TCR rate Xcel shall make a compliance filing, including revised tariff sheet if the calculated rate changes, reflecting the removal of the costs of the Hollydale project and that such compliance filing shall be subject to Staff's review and approval.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of April, 2014.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.

By:

Date:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner