

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF )  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY )  
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF )  
ITS 2013 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT )  
ACTIVITIES AND 2014 BUDGET )  
)

**ORDER APPROVING 2013  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT AND 2014 ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**EL14-024**

On March 18, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's (Xcel) for approval of its 2013 Economic Development Annual Report and 2014 Economic Development Budget. The filing includes Xcel's report on its 2013 budgeted and actual economic development spending. The filing also provides Xcel's revised economic development budget for 2014. On March 25, 2014, Xcel filed its response to staff's data request.

On March 20, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 4, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 15, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve Xcel's 2013 Economic Development Report and the 2014 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Xcel's 2013 Economic Development Report and 2014 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

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

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: <u><i>Joy Jashley</i></u>
Date: <u>4.17.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner