

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS 2015 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE)
RIDER ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL14-080

On August 29, 2014, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a Petition for Transmission Cost Recovery with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval of its 2015 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR Adjustment Factor, and Tracker Account Report. For 2015, Xcel proposes to continue recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 15 transmission projects located throughout its service territory. No new projects are being added at this time. Xcel proposes to recover \$4.97 million associated with these projects for the 2015 calendar year. Included in the \$4.97 million figure is the 2014 over-collection balance of \$256,483. The total of the transmission investment costs and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$1.82 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is a decrease of \$0.33 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.002425 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. This represents a decrease of \$0.000443 from the existing rate of \$0.002868 per kWh.

On September 4, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 19, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, and 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-8 to defray expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee for actual expenses incurred in the review of this filing up to the statutory limit of \$50,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee for actual expenses incurred not to exceed \$50,000 pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of September, 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: [Signature]
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman
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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner