

**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 2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT )  
ACTIVITIES AND 2015 BUDGET )  
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**ORDER APPROVING 2014  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT AND 2015 ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**EL15-010**

On March 16, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2014 Economic Development Annual Report and 2015 Economic Development Budget. On March 31, 2015, Xcel revised its filing to protect confidential information. The filing included Xcel's report on the 2014 budgeted and actual economic development expenses and provided documentation of the actual expenses incurred. The filing also included a proposed economic development budget for 2015.

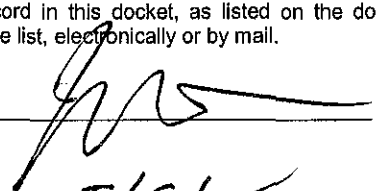
On March 19, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 3, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 8, 2015, Xcel filed its responses to staff's data requests.

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 30, 2015, 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 2014 Economic Development Report and the 2015 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

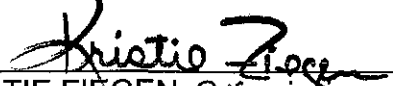
**ORDERED**, that Xcel's 2014 Economic Development Report and 2015 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed.

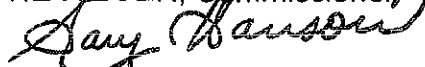
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May, 2015.

<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 or by mail.
By: 
Date: <u>5/5/15</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner