

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF MISCELLANEOUS
TARIFF REVISIONS

DOCKET NO. EL16-____

PETITION

OVERVIEW

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission this Petition for approval of miscellaneous tariff revisions to our Electric Rate Book.

We request approval of minor revisions to the text of the Company's Bill Backer and Disconnection Notice. The proposed changes to the Bill Backer correct the Call Before You Dig hours, the Late Payment Charge information, and relocate the text about postage. The changes to the Disconnection Notice are intended to reduce the number of credit-related complaints by improving the readability and adding information regarding the reconnection timeframe and fees. We also propose to add the Disconnection Notice Backer to the rate book. The Company seeks Commission approval to reflect these changes via modified tariff sheets in Section 8 of our Electric Rate Book.

The following attachments are included with this Petition in clean and redline formats:

- Attachment A: Bill Backer
- Attachment B: Disconnection Notice Language and Disconnection Backer
- Attachment C: Tariff Sheets

The following information is provided in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:13:26, the tariff schedule change notification requirements.

(1) Name and Address of the Public Utility

Northern States Power Company
500 West Russell Street
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104
(605) 339-8303

(2) Section and Sheet Number of Tariff Schedule

Xcel Energy proposes to revise the following sheets in Section 8 of the Northern States Power Company South Dakota Electric Rate Book.

- Sheet No. 8-2.3, revision 2 – Standard Customer Bill Form Back
- Sheet No. 8-5, revision 3 – Disconnection Notice Bill Form
- Sheet No. 8-6, revision 2 – Disconnection Notice Backer

Attachment C contains the proposed tariffs in Legislative and Non-Legislative format.

(3) Description of the Tariff Change

We seek approval to revise our Disconnection Notice and our customer Bill Backer and add the Disconnection Notice Backer to the rate book.

(4) Reason for the Requested Change

The proposed revisions to the Disconnection Notice are minor and intended to increase the clarity of the Company’s communication and reduce complaints. These changes do not impact the Company’s compliance with the Disconnection of Gas and Electric Service rules contained in South Dakota Rules Chapter 20:10:20. The proposed revisions to the Bill Backer are also minor and update the availability of the “Call Before You Dig” hotline service to 24 hours, 7 days a week, change Fuel Clause Charge to Fuel Cost Charge to match the line item on customers’ bills, correct the Late Payment Charge information, and move “Apply proper postage” to the correct location under Pay By Mail. Similarly, these changes do not impact the Company’s compliance with South Dakota Rule 20:10:17:03, which governs the information the Company provides on its bills to customers.

(5) Present Rate

Not applicable.

(6) Proposed Rate

Not applicable.

(7) Proposed effective date of modified rate:

Xcel Energy proposes that the revised tariffs be effective on the date of the Order approving this Petition.

(8) Approximation of annual amount of increase or decrease in revenue

Not applicable.

(9) Points affected:

Approximately 90,000 South Dakota customers.

(10) Estimation of the number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual amounts of either increases or decreases, or both, in cost of service to those customers.

Not applicable.

(11) Statement of facts, expert opinions, documents, and exhibits to support the proposed changes.

APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

The Company will be represented in this proceeding by the following counsel upon whom all pleadings, documents and other filings should be served:

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We request that all communications regarding this proceeding, including data requests, also be directed to:

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CONCLUSION

The Company respectfully requests the Commission approve our proposed tariff revisions.

Dated: April 28, 2016

Northern States Power Company