

**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. EL18-____

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 South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2, Section 8, Customer Service Forms.

The proposed changes are intended to update Section 8 of our rate book with forms currently in use by the Company and align our practices for making minor changes to tariffed forms with the streamlined process as proposed by Commission Staff and support of the Commission:

“[staff]... requested Commission guidance and input regarding a process to reduce the amount of tariff filings required for utilities regarding sample forms. Following discussion with each utility, staff provided to the Commission that it is comfortable with the concept that the tariff would include copies of the forms and a list of approved forms with a link to the company’s website where the most current forms can be found, as an alternative to updating the tariff each time a minor change is made to the forms. The form in the tariff and the current version will be materially the same, however, minor edits, such as grammatical corrections could be made. Staff suggests the companies notify staff via email when changes are made to the forms so staff can review the update on the website and determine the changes do not require a tariff change. The company would file for approval when the change affects rates or conditions of service.

[staff]... following discussion at the July 26, 2018, Commission meeting, staff relayed to the utilities the importance of staff having access to the most current forms when dealing with customer contacts either via the tariff or a link to the company’s website. Staff’s inquiry of the utilities indicated the utilities are supportive of the option for the website link as an alternative to the current practice of updating the tariffs. The Commission indicated support of staff’s proposed process.”¹

¹ SD PUC Minutes of the August 7, 2018 Commission Meeting

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

- Attachment A: Current Forms in use by the Company
- Attachment B: Legislative and Non-Legislative 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) 339-8350

(2) Section and Sheet Number of Tariff Schedule

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

Sheet No. 1-3, revision 1	Sheet No. 8-10, revision 1
Sheet No. 8-1, revision 5	Sheet No. 8-11, revision 1
Sheet No. 8-2, revision 6	Sheet No. 8-12, revision 1
Sheet No. 8-2-1, revision 4	Sheet No. 8-13, revision 4
Sheet No. 8-2-2, revision 2	Sheet No. 8-14, revision 4
Sheet No. 8-2-3, revision 5	Sheet No. 8-15, revision 4
Sheet No. 8-3, revision 5	Sheet No. 8-16, original
Sheet No. 8-3-1, revision 2	Sheet No. 8-17, original
Sheet No. 8-3-2, revision 2	Sheet No. 8-18, original
Sheet No. 8-4, revision 4	Sheet No. 8-19, original
Sheet No. 8-4-1, revision 2	Sheet No. 8-20, original
Sheet No. 8-4-2, revision 2	Sheet No. 8-21, original
Sheet No. 8-5, revision 4	Sheet No. 8-22, original
Sheet No. 8-6, revision 5	Sheet No. 8-23, original
Sheet No. 8-7, revision 1	Sheet No. 8-24, original
Sheet No. 8-8, revision 1	Sheet No. 8-25, original
Sheet No. 8-9, revision 1	

(3) Description of the Tariff Change

We seek approval to update the entirety of Section 8 of our South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2. The forms requested for inclusion are:

- Standard Customer Bill Form
- Standard Customer Bill Back
- Reminder Notice Bill Form
- Automatic Payment Plan Customer Bill
- Disconnect Bill Form
- Electric Service Agreement
- Electric Service Agreement – Peak-Controlled
- Electric Service Agreement – Energy-Controlled
- Customer Deposit Slip
- Landlord-New Occupant Application
- Overhead Service Form
- Underground Service Form
- Underground Gas And-Or Electric Distribution Agreement
- Residential Underground Service Contract
- Statement of Work Requested

The Company proposes to communicate future, minor proposed changes to these forms via link to our website: www.xcelenergy.com/sdcustomerforms.

(4) Reason for the Requested Change

The proposed revisions to Section 8 (Customer Service Forms) of South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2, is intended to comply with South Dakota Rule 20:10:13:12, by including sample forms normally used in connection with customers' service and to reduce the frequency of tariff filings when only minor changes are made to the representative forms.

(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 92,000 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.

Please see the Company's response to Section 4, Reason for the Requested Change.

COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING FILING

Utility Employee Responsible for Filing

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We request that all communications regarding this proceeding, including data requests, pleadings, documents and other filings also be directed to:

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CONCLUSION

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

Dated: November 29, 2018

Northern States Power Company