

**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 2024 INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND FACTOR UPDATE**

) **ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE;**  
) **ORDER AUTHORIZING**  
) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO**  
) **ENTER INTO CONSULTING**  
) **CONTRACTS**  
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) **EL23-025**

On September 1, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2024 Infrastructure Rider Project Eligibility and Factor Update. Xcel requests approval of the Infrastructure Rider Tracker Report and true-up for the 2023 revenue requirements, 2024 Infrastructure Rider revenue requirements of negative \$58,928, an updated Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of negative \$0.000026 per kWh, proposed revision to the Infrastructure Rider tariff sheet, and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2024, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an estimated credit of \$0.02 per month. This will result in a bill increase of \$1.36 for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month compared to the current bill for the same usage. Xcel proposes to include new projects beginning in 2023 as well as the Sherco Solar I project beginning in 2024.

On September 7, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 22, 2023, 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 49-34A-77.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 22, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date and to give the executive director authority to enter into consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of September 2023.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Kristie Edwards</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>26 September 2023</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner