

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF ITS REVISED RATE SHEETS)
FOR ITS OCCASIONAL DELIVERY ENERGY) EL98-013
SERVICE AND TIME OF DELIVERY ENERGY)
SERVICE)

On June 8, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Northern States Power Company (NSP) requesting approval to revise its rate sheets for the Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service. NSP asked for approval of the following revised tariff sheets of its Electric Rate Schedule:

Occasional Delivery Energy Service, Section No. 9, 1st Revised Sheet No. 2
Time of Delivery Energy Service, Section No. 9, 1st Revised Sheet No. 3

NSP's application stated: "The proposed Occasional Delivery Energy Service rate sheet is revised to reflect a five cents per month higher metering charge and increased energy payment. The energy payment is based on the Company's 1998 avoided energy cost estimate. The proposed Time of Delivery Energy Service rate sheet is revised to reflect a comparable five cents per month increase in metering charge as the Occasional Delivery Energy Service. Similarly, energy and capacity payments are also revised to reflect the Company's 1998 avoided costs projection."

At its regularly scheduled June 30, 1998, meeting, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. The Commission found the rate changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that NSP's aforementioned revised tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of July, 1998.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u>Altaire Keels</u></p> <p>Date: <u>7/10/98</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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