

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW) REVISIONS
THE CUSTOMER BUYBACK PROGRAM) EL02-007**

On April 22, 2002, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) Minneapolis, Minnesota, filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2, specifically the Customer Buyback Program Tariff:

Section No. 8, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 13, 14 and 15, canceling Original Sheet Nos. 13, 14 and 15

The Customer Buyback Program Tariff allows Xcel to make energy purchases from its South Dakota customers who voluntarily agree to interrupt their firm load. Xcel is seeking renewal of this program originally approved on July 20, 2000 (EL00-013) which expired December 31, 2001. Xcel is requesting one change to the tariff; that the minimum amount a customer may release be changed from one megawatt to five hundred kilowatts which will allow more customers to participate in the program. Xcel is requesting that the tariff be approved for two cooling seasons, expiring December 31, 2003.

On April 25, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 10, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2002, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval as filed with the continuation of the restrictions and reporting requirements found in EL00-013.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission voted to approve the tariff revisions. The Commission finds the revisions are just and reasonable. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's revised tariff, as described above, is approved as filed with the continuation of the restrictions and reporting requirements found in EL00-013, and it shall be effective for service rendered on and after June 13, 2002. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this approved tariff as described above shall expire on December 31, 2003. In the future, should Xcel wish to continue this program after this expiration date, Xcel will have to come before the Commission in another proceeding.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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.

By: *Rebecca Kalbo*

Date: 6/21/02

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner