

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) ORDER DISMISSING AND
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY) CLOSING DOCKET
D/B/A XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL TO)
INCLUDE RENEWABLE ENERGY) EL03-005
DEVELOPMENT FUND COSTS IN THE)
ELECTRIC FUEL CLAUSE ADJUSTMENT)

On February 25, 2003, Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a Petition with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval to include Renewable Development Fund costs in its electric fuel adjustment clause. Xcel operates the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant at Red Wing, Minnesota, which uses "dry casks" to store spent fuel from the plant. In 1994, the Minnesota Legislature passed an Act which requires Xcel Energy to transfer \$500,000 annually, for each cask, into a Renewable Development Fund. The Renewable Development Fund promotes the advancement of new renewable energy sources. Xcel's petition states that inclusion of these Fund payments in its fuel clause would be efficient and is consistent with the purpose of the Automatic Adjustment Clause Statute SDCL 49-34A-25.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 2, 2004, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted to dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the docket shall be dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March, 2004.

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| 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: | <u>Helaine Kalbo</u> |
| Date: | <u>3/9/04</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman *dk*

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner