

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY XCEL)	ORDER APPROVING 2004
ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2004)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL)	ANNUAL REPORT AND 2005
REPORT AND 2005 ECONOMIC)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)	PLAN
)	EL05-010

On March 25, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2004 Economic Development Annual Report and proposed Economic Development Plan for 2005. The proposed plan was filed in accordance with the settlement agreements reached between NSP and Commission Staff, and approved by the Commission, in the company's most recent rate case filings, Dockets EL91-004 and EL92-016.

For 2005, Xcel's proposed economic development investment budget is \$100,000. The actual expenditures for the 2004 Economic Development Plan were \$100,000. Fifty percent of the 2005 budget would be recovered through rates, with the remaining 50% funded by shareholders.

At its regularly scheduled May 10, 2005, meeting, the Commission reviewed Xcel's 2004 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2005. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found that they are just and reasonable and voted to approve them. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2004 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2005 are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of May, 2005.

<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><i>Belaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u><i>5/17/05</i></u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*