

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER ASSESSING FILING
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	FEE AND ORDER
D/B/A XCEL ENERGY TO ESTABLISH A)	APPROVING CONTRACT
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY TARIFF)	
AND FOR APPROVAL OF 2007 PLANNED)	EL07-007
TRANSMISSION INVESTMENTS TO BE)	
INCLUDED IN RATES)	

On February 28, 2007, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a petition with the Commission for approval of a tariff establishing a Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCR Rider) pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4. The company also seeks approval to implement the tariff by including the allocated jurisdictional costs in the TCR Rider for transmission project expenditures that are planned to be made in 2007.

On March 1, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 30, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 3, 2007, the Commission received a proposed Contract between Chesapeake Regulatory Consultants, Inc. and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Contract).

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A and 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 10, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found that pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8, Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee as requested by the Deputy Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$50,000, with an initial deposit of \$8,000. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed Contract. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee of not to exceed \$50,000; and it is further

ORDERED, that Xcel shall make an initial deposit in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund in the amount of \$8,000, and shall from time to time make such additional deposits up to the total amount of the assessment as requested by the Deputy Executive Director; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Contract is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2007.

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, electronically.

By: Helaine Kolbo

Date: 4/26/07

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner