

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY XCEL)	ORDER APPROVING 2007)
ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2007)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL)	ANNUAL REPORT AND 2008)
REPORT AND 2008 ECONOMIC)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)	PLAN)
)	EL08-008)

On March 28, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2007 Economic Development Annual Report and proposed Economic Development Plan for 2008. 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 2008, Xcel's proposed economic development investment budget is \$100,000. The actual expenditures for the 2007 Economic Development Plan were \$100,000. Fifty percent of the 2008 budget would be recovered through rates, with the remaining 50% funded by shareholders.

At its regularly scheduled April 22, 2008, meeting, the Commission reviewed Xcel's 2007 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2008. 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 2007 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2008 are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of April, 2008.

<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, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>4/29/07</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner