

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY XCEL)	ORDER APPROVING 2008
ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2008)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL)	ANNUAL REPORT AND 2009
REPORT AND 2009 ECONOMIC)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)	PLAN
)	EL09-005

On April 2, 2009, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2008 Economic Development Annual Report and proposed Economic Development Plan for 2009. 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 2009, Xcel's proposed economic development investment budget is \$100,000. The actual expenditures for the 2008 Economic Development Plan were \$100,000. Fifty percent of the 2009 budget would be recovered through rates, with the remaining 50% funded by shareholders.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 23, 2009, the Commission reviewed Xcel's 2008 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2009. 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 2008 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2009 are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of June, 2009.

<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>Aldine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>7/1/09</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner