

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

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| <b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )<br/>NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY )<br/>DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF )<br/>ITS 2011 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY )<br/>ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT )<br/>)</b> | <b>ORDER GRANTING<br/>REQUEST TO WITHDRAW<br/>PETITION AND CLOSE<br/>DOCKET<br/><br/>EL10-014</b> |
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On October 6, 2010, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition for Transmission Cost Recovery (Petition) requesting approval of its 2011 transmission cost recovery eligibility and rate adjustment. On December 17, 2012, Xcel filed an Amended Petition and supporting Attachments to correct an omission in the original filing. On April 4, 2011, Xcel filed an amended Attachment 4 and explanatory cover letter due to the cancellation of the Merricourt project. On May 1, 2012, Xcel filed a letter requesting to withdraw the Petition and close the docket as the information in the Petition is currently out of date and the filing of the Petition for Transmission Cost Recovery in Docket EL12-035 supersedes this filing.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Xcel's request to withdraw its Petition and close the docket. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Xcel's request to withdraw its Petition and close the docket is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>  |
| 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: <u><i>Joy Baum</i></u>   |
| Date: <u>May 24, 2012</u>  |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL)  |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner