

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN )      ORDER APPROVING  
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY )      TARIFF REVISIONS  
TO DISCONTINUE CUSTOMER BUYBACK )  
PROGRAM )      EL12-003**

On January 25, 2012, the Commission received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of tariff changes regarding the discontinuation of its Customer Buyback Program. Xcel requests that the tariff revisions be approved for its South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2 to reflect these changes. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section No. 8

3rd Revised Sheet No. 1	Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1
3rd Revised Sheet No. 13	Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 13
3rd Revised Sheet No. 14	Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 14
3rd Revised Sheet No. 15	Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 15

On January 26, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 20, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of tariff changes regarding the discontinuation of Xcel's Customer Buyback Program. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the discontinuation of the Customer Buyback Program and the associated tariff changes.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12; and ARSD 20:10:13:15. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Xcel's request for approval to discontinue the Customer Buyback Program and revision of the associated tariff pages as set forth above is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

**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: Joy Abney

Date: 3-8-12

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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