

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

**THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF)
A REFUND FOR A RESIDENTIAL SAVER'S)
SWITCH PROGRAM BILLING ERROR)**

**ORDER APPROVING
REFUND PLAN**

EL12-048

On July 27, 2012, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition requesting approval of a proposed plan for refunds to customers participating in its residential Saver's Switch program set forth in Xcel's tariff, South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2, Section 5, Sheets 66 and 67, Residential Controlled Air Conditioning & Water Heating Rider (Refund Plan). The proposed refund results from a billing error due to an oversight in the implementation of tariff revisions approved in Docket EL09-009.

On August 2, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Petition and the intervention deadline of August 17, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-9, and 49-34A-10, and ARSD 20:10:17:09.01.

At its regular meeting on August 28, 2012, the Commission considered the approval of Xcel's Refund Plan. The Commission's Staff recommended approval of the Refund Plan as filed by Xcel. Finding the Refund Plan just and reasonable and in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Refund Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's Petition is granted and the Refund Plan is approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of September, 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: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>September 4, 2012</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature: Chris Nelson]
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

[Signature: Kristie Fiegen]
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner