

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	REVISION
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS)	
2013 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY)	EL13-006
ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT	

On February 27, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2013 TCR Rider, Adjustment Factor, and Tracker Account report. For 2013, Xcel proposes to begin recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to twenty-two transmission projects located throughout its service territory. Xcel proposes to recover \$2.45 million associated with these projects for the 2013 calendar year. Included in the \$2.45 million figure is the 2012 unrecovered balance of \$227,462. The total of the transmission investment costs and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$0.46 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is a decrease of \$1.82 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.000612 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning April 1, 2013, through December 2013. This represents a decrease of \$0.002426 from the existing rate of \$0.003038 per kWh.

On February 28, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 15, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On June 10, 2013, Xcel filed a supplement to its 2013 TCR Petition requesting the TCR rate to be set at \$0.00 beginning on July 1, 2013, for the remainder of 2013. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

3rd Revised Sheet No. 71

Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 71

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-25 et seq., and ARSD 20:10:13:19, 20:10:13:20 and 20:10:13:21.

At its June 18, 2013, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the associated tariff sheet on less than 30 days' notice to set the TCR rate at \$0.00 for the remainder of 2013 effective July 1, 2013, and suggested that a message on the customer's bill reflecting the Commission action is sufficient. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the tariff revision on less than 30 days' notice and find that a bill message is sufficient and a bill insert is not necessary. It is therefore,

ORDERED, that the tariff revision set forth above is approved effective July 1, 2013, on less than 30 days' notice to set the TCR rate at \$0.00 for the remainder of 2013. It is further

ORDERED, that a bill message is sufficient and a bill insert is not necessary.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25 day of June, 2013.

<p style="text-align: center;">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>Joy Lashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>06-25-13</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commission

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission