

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS 2012 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
ACTIVITIES AND 2013 BUDGET)
)**

**ORDER APPROVING 2012
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2013 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL13-008

On April 1, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2012 Economic Development Report and the proposed 2013 Economic Development Budget. The filing includes a report on Xcel's 2012 budgeted economic development activities and actual economic development expenses incurred during the year. The filing also provides Xcel's revised economic development budget for 2013.

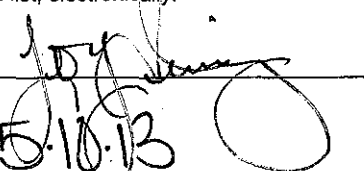
On April 4, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 19, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 24, 2013, Xcel filed its response to Commission Staff's Data Request 1.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled May 7, 2013, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve Xcel's 2012 Economic Development Report and the 2013 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore


ORDERED, that Xcel's 2012 Economic Development Report and 2013 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

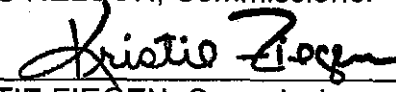
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May, 2013.

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></u>
Date: <u>5.10.13</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


GARY HANSON, Chairman


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner