

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION)	ORDER APPROVING 2013 DEMAND
OF NORTHERN STATES POWER)	SIDE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND
COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR)	2015 PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE
APPROVAL OF ITS 2013 DEMAND)	MANAGEMENT PLAN
SIDE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND)	
2015 PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE)	EL14-040
MANAGEMENT PLAN)	

On May 1, 2014, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a Petition for 2013 DSM Program Approval and Proposed 2015 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor (Petition) with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval of the company's 2013 Demand Side Management (DSM) Status Report and 2015 DSM program changes. Specifically, Xcel is requesting approval of the company's 2013 DSM Tracker account, the incentive earned for 2013 program performance, the proposed 2015 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor of \$0.000510 per kWh, and a number of proposed program changes for 2015. Xcel requests an effective date of January 1, 2015, for the DSM Cost Adjustment Factor. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

2nd Revised Sheet No. 73

Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 73

On May 8, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 23, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff (Staff) recommended that the Commission approve Xcel's Petition but with the DSM Cost Adjustment Factor revised from \$0.000507 to \$0.000510 to reflect more current data. Staff also suggested that Xcel should increase its DSM budget in its next filing for the 2016 program year in order to realize additional cost-effective energy efficiency savings.

Upon review of Xcel's 2013 DSM program results, the Commission finds that the program was properly executed and Xcel is entitled to receive the performance incentive for energy savings achieved. Finding that the 2013 DSM tracker account and 2015 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor were properly calculated as revised for more recent numbers and that the 2015 program changes are reasonable, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Petition as filed and amended. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition for 2013 DSM Program Approval and Proposed 2015 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor as revised to \$0.000510 to reflect more current data is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's revised tariff sheet as described above is approved effective January 1, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December, 2014.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Joy Lachley</u>
Date: <u>12.17.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner