

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION) OF NORTHERN STATES POWER) COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR) APPROVAL OF ITS 2014 DEMAND) SIDE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND) 2016 PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE) MANAGEMENT PLAN)	ORDER APPROVING 2014 DEMAND) SIDE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND) 2016 PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE) MANAGEMENT PLAN)
	EL15-015

On April 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a Petition with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval of the company's 2014 Demand Side Management (DSM) Status Report and 2016 DSM program changes. Specifically, Xcel is requesting approval of the Company's 2014 DSM Tracker account, the incentive earned for 2014 program performance, the proposed 2016 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor of \$0.000448 per kWh, and the proposed DSM program changes for 2016. On October 5, 2015, Xcel filed an updated Petition for its proposed 2016 DSM program that requests the Commission approve the addition of new-construction LED lighting measures to the Business Lighting Efficiency program. Finally, Xcel requests an effective date of January 1, 2016, for the DSM Cost Adjustment Factor. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

3rd Revised Sheet No. 73

Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 73

On May 7, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 22, 2015, 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 chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12. On November 2, 2015, Xcel filed its responses to Commission Staff's (Staff) data requests. On December 2, 2015, Staff filed a Staff Memorandum containing analyses and recommendations for the docket.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 8, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Xcel's Petition. Upon review of Xcel's 2014 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 2014 DSM tracker account and 2016 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor were properly calculated and the proposed 2016 DSM plan to be reasonable, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Petition and updated Petition. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2014 Status Report, tracker account, and performance incentive are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2016 DSM Plan, as updated in the October 5, 2015, Petition, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2016 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor of \$0.000448/kWh is hereby approved with an effective date of January 1, 2016. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's revised tariff sheet as described above is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of December, 2015.

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: Solayne West

Date: 12-16-15

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner