

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER ASSESSING
NORTHERN STATES POWER)	FILING FEE
COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR)	
APPROVAL OF ITS 2016)	EL15-030
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY)	
ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT)	

On September 1, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2016 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2016, Xcel proposes recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 18 transmission projects located throughout its service territory, three of which are new projects being added at this time. Xcel proposes to recover \$5.76 million associated with these projects for the 2016 calendar year. Included in the \$5.76 million figure is the 2015 over-collection balance of \$375,746. The total of the transmission investment costs and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$2.04 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is an increase of \$0.23 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.002715 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. This represents an increase of \$0.000298 from the existing rate of \$0.002417 per kWh.

On September 3, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 18, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee from Xcel as requested by Commission Staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000.00 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of September, 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, electronically or by mail.

By: Polayne West

Date: 9-24-15

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner