

**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 2015 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
ACTIVITIES AND 2016 BUDGET)
)

**ORDER APPROVING 2015
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2016 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL16-009

On March 9, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2015 Economic Development Annual Report and 2016 Economic Development Budget. The filing included Xcel's report on the 2015 budgeted and actual economic development expenses and provided documentation of the actual expenses incurred. The filing also included a proposed economic development budget for 2016.

On March 9, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 25, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 30, 2016, Xcel filed its responses to staff's data request.

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 meeting on April 11, 2016, 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 2015 Economic Development Report and the 2016 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2015 Economic Development Report and 2016 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of April, 2016.

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: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 04/12/2016

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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