

**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)
2017 INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER)
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND)
FACTOR UPDATE)

**ORDER APPROVING 2017
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY
AND FACTOR UPDATE**

EL16-032

On September 30, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2017 Infrastructure Rider project eligibility, revised adjustment factor, and tracker account report. Xcel requests approval of project eligibility for two projects included in the Docket EL14-058 Settlement Agreement Exhibit C not already included in the rider, project eligibility of five additional projects, the Infrastructure Rider Tracker Report and true-up for the 2016 revenue requirements of approved project investment and the proposed newly added projects, 2017 Infrastructure Rider revenue requirements of \$11.2 million, an updated Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.005332 per kWh, proposed revision to the Infrastructure Rider tariff sheet, and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2017, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be increased to \$4.00 per month compared to the current average residential bill impact of \$3.64 per month under the current rate.

On October 6, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 21, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received.

The revised tariff sheet proposed for approval by Xcel, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2017, is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

5th Revised Sheet No. 74

Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 74

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

The Commission considered this matter at its regular meeting on December 20, 2016. Staff recommended approval of the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.005332 per kWh and revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2017. The Commission considered the matter and voted unanimously to approve the proposed projects as eligible for recovery and approve the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor and revised tariff sheet. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed projects are approved as eligible for recovery and the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.005332 per kWh and revised tariff sheet are approved, effective January 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of December, 2016.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam Detbeck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/21/16</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner