

**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 ASSESSING
FILING FEE

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. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

SDCL 49-34A-77 requires an electric utility filing an application for a phase in rate plan to pay a filing fee to be determined by the Commission in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 11, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee of up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) as authorized by SDCL 49-34A-77 to defray expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee for actual expenses incurred in the review of this filing up to the statutory limit of \$250,000, commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of October, 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: <u>Adam Humeck</u>
Date: <u>10/12/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner