

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR) TARIFF REVISIONS)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS EL96-017
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On July 2, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Northern States Power Company (NSP) requesting approval of miscellaneous tariff changes associated with a credit for customers who use more than 360 times their peak kW demand during a 30 day billing cycle. The requested miscellaneous tariff change involves the addition of an Energy Use Credit Provision to the applicable tariff sheets. NSP filed the following tariff sheets in their filing:

Section No. 3, 14th Revised Sheet No. 37
Section No. 3, 11th Revised Sheet No. 39
Section No. 3, 13th Revised Sheet No. 40.1
Section No. 3, 11th Revised Sheet No. 40.3
Section No. 3, 14th Revised Sheet No. 43.

NSP's application stated: "The purpose of this miscellaneous filing is to modify NSP's demand-metered firm and controllable service tariffs by providing a credit to those commercial and industrial customers who have a high monthly load factor. The credit will provide incentive for customers to improve their load factor resulting in better utilization of NSP-SD's assets and eventually reducing the overall cost to all NSP-SD customers."

At its regularly scheduled September 11, 1996, meeting the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. The Commission found the rate changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that NSP's aforementioned tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 1996.

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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner