

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR )	CONTRACT WITH
APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH )	DEVIATIONS
DEVIATIONS )	EL96-020

On August 26, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Northern States Power Company (NSP) for approval of a Contract with Deviations with John Morrell & Company (Morrell). The Contract exchanges Morrell's transmission transformed rate for the high load factor discount thus eliminating their need for a distribution facilities lease. NSP filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 4, cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4

On September 11, 1996, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that NSP's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective on the date of issuance.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

By: *Aldine Kaelo*

Date: 9/17/96

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kenneth Stofferahn*  
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner