

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )	
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR )	ORDER ASSESSING FILING
APPROVAL OF A RATE REDUCTION/FREEZE )	FEE
AND ADOPTION OF ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING )	
FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER )	EL96-024
THAN PENSIONS )	

On September 30, 1996, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of an overall rate reduction/freeze and adoption of accrual accounting for post-retirement benefits other than pensions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-34A, SDCL.

On October 8, 1996, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 unanimously voted to assess NSP a filing fee in such amounts as requested by the Executive Director, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars for the duration of the case. It is therefore

ORDERED that NSP shall deposit an assessment in the SDPUC rate case fund in such amounts as requested from time to time by the Executive Director, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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: Maureen Kalkes

Date: 10/25/96

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn  
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

