

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER APPROVING NEW
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR)	ELECTRIC RATE BOOK
APPROVAL OF ITS NEW ELECTRIC RATE)	
BOOK)	EL95-025

On October 15, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Northern States Power Company (NSP) requesting approval of its new South Dakota Electric Rate Book. NSP asked for approval of the following tariff sheets of its Electric Rate Book:

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE BOOK - SDPUC NO. 2

Section No. 1, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, and 3
Sheet Nos. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H

Section No. 2, Original Sheet No. 1

Section No. 3, Original Sheet Nos. 1 and 2

Section No. 4, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Section No. 5, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22,
23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42,
43, 44, 45, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70

Section No. 6, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20,
22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 36

Section No. 7, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, and 3

Section No. 8, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12

Section No. 9, Original Sheet Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

NSP's Petition asked for approval of the South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2 incorporating miscellaneous tariff changes associated with the implementation of NSP's new Customer Service System for customer billing. The requested miscellaneous tariff changes occur in the Company's General Rules and Regulations and involve the deletion of a monthly billing exception and the addition of a new customer option called Preferred Due Date. The Petition also requests a waiver of the Commission's administrative rules ARSD 20:10:13:12, 20:10:13:13 and 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled December 9, 1996, meeting, the Commission discussed final approval of the Petition. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions and the granting of the waivers.

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 tariff changes and the South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2 are just and reasonable and approved the aforementioned tariffs. The Commission, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:08, grants a waiver of ARSD 20:10:13:12 regarding sample forms, 20:10:13:13 regarding assignment of section numbers and 20:10:13:28 regarding symbols on tariff schedules in accordance with NSP's request. 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, and it is further

ORDERED, that a waiver of ARSD 20:10:13:12, 20:10:13:13 and 20:10:13:28 is hereby granted in accordance with NSP's request.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of December, 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

Arlene Kaeb

Date

12/17/96

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner