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May 28, 2021

-VIA ELECTRONIC FILING -

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF JURISDICTIONAL EARNINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA JURISDICTION

DOCKET NOS. EL07-007 AND EL07-026

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to the orders in the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider and Environmental Cost Recovery Rider, Docket Nos. EL07-007 and EL07-026, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, provides its report of jurisdictional earnings for the calendar year 2020.

In both dockets, settlement stipulations agreed to by Commission Staff and the Company, and approved by the Commission via orders dated January 13, 2009, specify that Xcel Energy shall provide to the Commission by June 1 of each year a report of our South Dakota jurisdictional earnings (Cost of Service Study) for the preceding calendar year. The report is to show, among other things, the overall rate of return and return on equity (ROE) earned, and the South Dakota revenue excess or deficiency based on the ROE authorized in the last rate case. The determinations are to be presented on an actual and weather-normalized basis and should reflect South Dakota ratemaking practices.

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, the Company respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information provided in this report. The Company addresses the Commission's five factors for consideration of confidential data as follows:

(1) An identification of the document and the general subject matter of the materials or the portions of the document for which confidentiality is being requested:

The ROE is considered confidential, trade secret information. Therefore, we present our revenue deficiency based on an overall rate of return, the components of which

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are marked as confidential, but are based on the Company's actual capital structure, cost of long-term debt and approved ROE from the last case.

(2) The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested and a request for handling at the end of that time. This does not preclude a later request to extend the period of confidential treatment:

The Company requests that the data contained in this report be treated as confidential forever.

(3) The name, address, and phone number of a person to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request:

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(4) The statutory or common law grounds and any administrative rules under which confidentiality is requested. Failure to include all possible grounds for confidential treatment does not preclude the party from raising additional grounds in the future:

The ROE approved in the Company's last rate case (Docket No. EL14-058) is protected trade secret information under SDCL §1-27-1.5 and SD Admin. R. 20:10:01:39.

(5) The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality under the authority cited:

The information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

STEVE KOLBECK PRINCIPAL MANAGER, SOUTH DAKOTA

Enclosure

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF** 

## **JURISDICTIONAL EARNINGS**

BY

# NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, doing business as Xcel Energy

## TO THE

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

**DECEMBER 31, 2020** 

#### **South Dakota Jurisdiction**

**Electric Utility** 



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#### Northern States Power Company Electric Utility - South Dakota

(Dollars In Thousands)

## I. RETURN ON EQUITY (ROE)

<u>Actı</u>	ual Return on Equity (ROE)	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
1 2	Operating Income from Electric Operations (E-2): Average Regulated Rate Base (E-3):	\$50,439 \$713,226	\$48,070 \$682,959
3	Rate of Return on Rate Base (ROR) (line 1 / line 2):	7.07%	7.04%
4	Weighted Cost of Debt (E-4):	2.05%	2.09%
5	Weighted Cost of Preferred Stock (E-4):	0.00%	0.00%
6	% of Equity in Capital Structure (E-4):	52.79%	53.56%
7	Return on Equity (ROE):	9.51%	9.24%

ROE	, Normalized for Weather Impact on Sales	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
8	Operating Income from Electric Operations:	\$50,439	\$48,070
9	Impact of weather on Mwh Sales:	63,265	30,027
10	Impact of weather on Electric Operating Income:	\$3,847	\$1,699
11	Weather-Normalized Operating Income:	\$46,592	\$46,371
12	Average Regulated Rate Base:	\$713,898	\$683,257
13	Weather-Normal Rate of Return on Rate Base (ROR):	6.53%	6.79%
14	Weather-Normalized Return on Equity (ROE):	8.48%	8.77%

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#### II. OPERATING INCOME

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	2020 Total NSP	2020 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	2019 S.D. Juris.	Annual <u>Change</u>
	<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
1	Residential	1,416,592	95,715	92,851	3.1%
2	Small Comm. & Ind.	1,421,425	91,265	94,529	-3.5%
3	Large Comm. & Ind.	612,761	28,978	30,604	-5.3%
4	Public Street & Highway Ltg	24,939	1,691	1,752	-3.5%
5	Other Sales to Publ Auth	<u>9,357</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	-70.1%
	Total Retail	3,485,073	217,649	219,738	-1.0%
6	Interdepartmental	689	0	0	*
7	Sales for Resale	104,927	7,169	10,025	-28.5%
8	Interchange Agreement	434,345	28,776	30,010	-4.1%
9	Other	315,197	19,870	16,804	18.2%
10	Total Revenues:	4,340,231	273,463	276,576	-1.1%
	Operating Expenses:				
11	Production	1,753,116	108,031	109,630	-1.5%
12	Transmission	371,397	24,393	25,826	-5.6%
13	Distribution	101,577	6,146	7,296	-15.8%
14	Customer Billing	87,205	3,026	3,321	-8.9%
15	Customer Service	132,600	1,162	1,287	-9.7%
16	Sales & Marketing	2,594	205	53	287.0%
17	Admin. & General	241,783	15,894	15,798	0.6%
18	Depreciation & Amortization	632,450	51,065	48,974	4.3%
19	Property Taxes	206,758	11,310	11,451	-1.2%
20	Other General Taxes 1	29,631	1,955	2,093	-6.6%
21	Income Taxes	18,082	258	309	-16.5%
22	Deferred Income Taxes & ITC	(31,866)	(421)	2,467	-117.1%
23	Total Expenses:	3,545,327	223,025	228,506	-2.4%
24	Regulated Operating Income	794,904	50,439	48,070	4.9%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes payroll taxes.

#### **Northern States Power Company Electric Utility - South Dakota**

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#### III. AVERAGE RATE BASE

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	2020 Total NSP	2020 S.D. Juris.	2019 S.D. Juris.	Annual <u>Change</u>
1	Plant in Service	22,547,553	1,548,231	1,484,482	4.3%
2	Accumulated Depreciation	10,844,749	709,264	675,887	4.9%
3	Net Plant in Service	11,702,804	838,967	808,594	3.8%
4	Plant Held for Future Use	0	0	0	*
5	Construct Work in Progress	0	0	0	*
6	Materials and Supplies	175,911	11,541	11,632	-0.8%
7	Fuel Stocks	93,160	6,263	5,565	12.5%
8	Prepayments & Other Rate Base	75,130	4,926	10,726	-54.1%
9	Customer Deposits	(34,782)	(68)	(79)	-13.2%
10	Cash Working Capital	0	0	0	*
11	Other Rate Base <sup>1</sup>	289,174	9,960	7,637	30.4%
12	Accum. Deferred Taxes	(2,527,529)	(158,362)	(161,117)	-1.7%
13	Total Other Rate Base	(1,928,936)	(125,740)	(125,635)	0.1%
14	Total Average Rate Base	9,773,868	713,226	682,959	4.4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes deferred assets and liabilities such as accrued vacations, post-retirement medical benefits (FASB 106), post employment benefits (FASB 112), unfunded pension liability, severance accrual, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Average rate base is based on 13 monthly averages.

# Northern States Power Company Electric Utility - South Dakota

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#### IV. COST OF CAPITAL

2020 A	Actual
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					Weighted
<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	% of Total	Cost	Cost
1	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	\$5,709,089	47.21%	4.33%	2.05%
2	Short-Term Debt	<u>\$0</u>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3	Total Debt	\$5,709,089	47.21%	4.33%	2.05%
4	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup>	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5	Common Equity <sup>2</sup>	\$6,383,561	<u>52.79%</u>	9.51%	5.02%
6	Total Equity	\$6,383,561	52.79%		
7	Total Capital	\$12,092,650	100.00%	I	7.07%

#### 2020 Normalized

<u>Line</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>Amount</u>	% of Total	Cost	Weighted <u>Cost</u>
8	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>	\$5,709,089	47.21%	4.33%	2.05%
9	Short-Term Debt	<u>\$0</u>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10	Total Debt	5,709,089	47.21%	4.33%	2.05%
11 12 13	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup> Common Equity <sup>2</sup> Total Equity	\$0 <u>\$6,383,561</u> \$6,383,561	0.00% <u>52.79%</u> 52.79%	8.48%	0.00% 4.48%
14	Total Capital	\$12,092,650	100.00%		6.53%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Long-term debt is a 13 month average

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Preferred stock and common stock are 13 month averages

#### **PUBLIC DOCUMENT CONFIDENTIAL DATA EXCISED**

## **Northern States Power Company Electric Utility - South Dakota**

(Dollars In Thousands)

#### V. **REQUIRED RATE OF RETURN**

#### 2020 Based on authorized ROE

<u>Line</u>	<u>ltem</u>	Amount [PROTECTED	% of Total  DATA BEGINS	<u>Cost</u>	Weighted <u>Cost</u>
1	Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup>				
2	Short-Term Debt				
3	Total Debt				
4 5 6	Preferred Stock <sup>2</sup> Common Equity <sup>2</sup> Total Equity				
7	Total Capital				

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Long-term debt is a 13 month average
 Preferred stock and common stock are 13 month averages

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Confidential per Settlement in Docket EL14-058 E-5

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**Northern States Power Company** Electric Utility - South Dakota
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#### REVENUE DEFICIENCY VI.

202	0 Based on authorized ROE		Weather
<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	Actual 2020 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>	Normalized 2020 <u>S.D. Juris.</u>
	Revenue Deficiency	[PROTECTED	DATA BEGINS
1	Total Operating Income		
2	Total Average Rate Base		
3	Require Operating Income (Rate Base * Required Return)		
4	Operating Income		
5	Operating Income Deficiency		
6	Revenue Conversion Factor ( 1/(1-Composite Tax Rate) )		
7	Revenue Deficiency (Income Deficiency * Conversion Factor)		
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ROE = 9.51%

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# Northern States Power Company (SD) Electric Utility - South Dakota Retail Jurisdiction Cost of Service Study 2020

# **Summary Reports**

**June 1, 2021** 

Northern States Power Company (SD)
Electric Utility - South Dakota Retail Jurisdiction
Cost of Service Study
2020 Actuals

(Dollars in Thousands)

#### **Rate Base Summary**

Line No.	NSPM - 01 Rate Base Schedule	<u>Total</u>	SD Electric	<u>Other</u>
1	Plant Investment	22,547,553	1,548,231	20,999,322
2	Depreciation Reserve	10,844,749	709,264	10,135,486
3	Net Utility Plant	11,702,804	838,967	10,863,837
4	CWIP	0	0	0
5	Accumulated Deferred Taxes	2,930,387	204,685	2,725,702
6	DTA - NOL Average Balance	(20,149)	(18,713)	(1,435)
7	DTA - State Tax Credit Average Balance	(855)	(347)	(507)
8	DTA - Federal Tax Credit Average Balance	(381,855)	(27,262)	(354,593)
9	Total Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	2,527,529	158,362	2,369,167
10	Materials and Supplies	175,911	11,541	164,371
11	Fuel Inventory	93,160	6,263	86,897
12	Non-plant Assets and Liabilities	239,275	4,939	234,336
13	Customer Advances	(8,800)	(1,560)	(7,239)
14	Customer Deposits	(34,782)	(68)	(34,714)
15	Prepaids and Other	75,130	4,926	70,203
16	Regulatory Amortizations	<u>58,699</u>	<u>6,582</u>	<u>52,118</u>
17	Total Other RB Items	598,593	32,621	565,972
18	Total Rate Base	9,773,868	713,226	9,060,642

(Dollars in Thousands)

#### **Income Statement Summary**

e No	o. NSPM - 02 Income Statement Schedule  Operating Revenues	Total	SD Electric	Other
	Retail	3,496,933	220,559	3,276,375
	Interdepartmental	689	220,000	689
	Transportation	000		
	Other Operating Rev - Non-Retail	842,609	<u>52,905</u>	<u>789,704</u>
	Total Operating Revenues	4,340,231	<u>273,463</u>	4,066,767
	Total Operating November	1,0 10,20 1	210,100	1,000,101
	<u>Expenses</u>			
	Operating Expenses:			
	Fuel	1,075,468	63,828	1,011,640
	Deferred Fuel	(11,344)	(2,551)	(8,793)
	Variable IA Production Fuel	8,925	600	8,325
	Purchased Energy - Windsource	<u>9,474</u>		9,474
	Fuel & Purchased Energy Total	1,082,522	- 61,877	1,020,645
	Production - Fixed	456,983	29,983	426,999
	Production - Fixed IA Investment	43,628	2,865	40,763
	Production - Fixed IA O&M	9,614	632	8,982
	Production - Variable	6,543,701	439,907	6,103,794
	Production - Variable IA O&M	141,965	9,324	132,641
	Production - Purchased Demand	11,860	2,909	8,950
	Production Total	670,594	<u>2,505</u> 46,154	624,440
	Regional Markets	11,149	732	10,416
	Transmission IA	109,147	7,169	101,979
	Transmission	251,100	16,492	234,609
	Distribution	101,577	6,146	95,432
	Customer Accounting	87,205	3,026	84,178
	Customer Service & Information	132,600	1,162	131,438
	Sales, Econ Dvlp & Other	2,594	205	2,389
	Administrative & General	2,594 241,783	<u> 15,894</u>	2,309 225,889
		2,690,272	158,857	2,531,415
	Total Operating Expenses	2,030,212	130,037	2,331,413
	Depreciation	731,403	49,850	681,553
	Amortization	(98,953)	1,215	(100,169)
	Amortization	(90,900)	1,213	(100,109)
	Taxes:			
	Property Taxes	206,758	11,310	195,447
	ITC Amortization	(1,366)		(1,294)
	Deferred Taxes		(72) 4.245	
	Deferred Taxes  Deferred Taxes - NOL	34,559 (789)	1,345 5.400	33,215
	Less Deferred State Tax Credits	, ,	5,499	(6,288)
		(1,086) (63,185)	(71) (7.121)	(1,015)
	Less Deferred Federal Tax Credits Deferred Income Tax & ITC	<u>(63,185)</u> (31,866)	<u>(7,121)</u> (421)	<u>(56,064)</u> (31,445)
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	Payroll & Other Taxes Total Taxes Other Than Income	29,631 204 523	1,955	27,676 <b>101,678</b>
		204,523	12,845 258	191,678
	Total State & Federal Income Taxes	18,082	258	17,824
	Total Taxes	222 605	12 102	200 502
		222,605 3 545 327	13,102 223 025	209,503
	Total Operating Income	3,545,327	223,025	3,322,302
	Total Operating Income	794,904	50,439	744,465
	AEDO Dale	0	0	0
	AFDC Debt	0	0	0
	AFDC Equity	0	0	0
	Net Income	0 <b>794,904</b>	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

## **Income Tax Summary**

Line No.	NSPM - 03 Income Tax Schedule	Total	SD Electric	Other
1	Income Before Taxes			
2	Total Operating Revenues	4,340,231	273,463	4,066,767
3	less: Total Operating Expenses	2,690,272	158,857	2,531,415
4	Book Depreciation	731,403	49,850	681,553
5	Amortization	(98,953)	1,215	(100,169)
6	Taxes Other than Income	<u>204,523</u>	<u>12,845</u>	<u>191,678</u>
7	Total Before Tax Book Income	812,986	50,697	762,289
8				
9	Tax Additions			
10	Book Depreciation	731,403	49,850	681,553
11	Deferred Income Taxes and ITC	(31,866)	(421)	(31,445)
12	Nuclear Fuel Burn (ex D&D)	123,484	8,110	115,374
13	Nuclear Outage Accounting	46,160	3,065	43,094
14	Avoided Tax Interest	30,961	1,965	28,996
15	Other Book Additions	<u>2,696</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>2,542</u>
16	Total Tax Additions	902,837	62,723	840,114
17				
18	Tax Deductions			
19	Total Rate Base	9,773,868	713,226	9,060,642
20	Weighted Cost of Debt	2.05%	2.05%	2.05%
21	Debt Interest Expense (Line 19 x Line 20)	200,364	14,621	185,743
22	Nuclear Outage Accounting	23,968	1,590	22,378
23	Tax Depreciation and Removals	1,054,100	72,523	981,577
24	NOL Utilized / (Generated)	(2,818)	19,639	(22,456)
25	Other Tax / Book Timing Differences	<u>95,785</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>95,648</u>
26	Total Tax Deductions	1,371,399	108,510	1,262,890
4				
2	State Taxes			
3	State Taxes  State Taxable Income	344,424	4,910	339,514
4	State Income Tax Rate	0 <del>11</del> ,121	0.00%	303,314
5	State Taxes before Credits (Line 31 x Line 32)		0.0070	
6	Less State Tax Credits		0	
7	Deferred State Tax Credits due to NOL		<u>0</u>	
8	Total State Income Taxes	-	<u> </u>	-
9	retail etaile inteeme rance	-	•	-
10	Federal Taxes			
11	Federal Taxable Income	344,424	4,910	339,514
12	Federal Income Tax Rate	21.00%	21.00%	21.00%
13	Federal Tax before Credits (Line 39 x Line 40)	72,329	1,031	71,298
14	Less Federal Tax Credits	(54,247)	(773)	<u>(53,473)</u>
15	Deferred Federal Tax Credits due to NOL	<del> </del>	,	<del> </del>
16	Total Federal Income Taxes	18,082	258	17,825
17		,		,
18	Total Taxes			
19	Total Federal and State Income Taxes	18,082	258	17,824

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# Revenue Requirement & Return Summary

ne No.	NSPM - 04 Revenue Deficiency Schedule	Total	SD Electric	Other
1	Weighted Cost of Capital			
2	Active Rates and Ratios Version	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
3	Cost of Short Term Debt	[PROTECTED DATA BEGINS		
4	Cost of Long Term Debt			
5	Cost of Preferred Stock			
6	Cost of Common Equity			
7	Ratio of Short Term Debt			
8	Ratio of Long Term Debt			
9	Ratio of Preferred Stock			
10	Ratio of Common Equity			
11	Weighted Cost of STD			
12	Weighted Cost of LTD			
13	Weighted Cost of Debt			
14	Weighted Cost of Preferred Stock			
15	Weighted Cost of Equity			
16	Required Rate Of Return			
17	required reaction.			PROTECTED DATA ENDS
18	Composite Income Tax Rate			
19	State Tax Rate			
20	Federal Statuatory Tax Rate	21.00%	21.00%	21.00%
21	Federal Effective Tax Rate	21.00% 21.00%	21.00% 21.00%	<u>21.00%</u>
22	Composite Tax Rate	21.00%	21.00%	21.00%
23	Composite Tax Itale	21.0070	21.0070	21.0070
24	Rate of Return (ROR)			
25	Total Operating Income	794,904	50,439	744,465
25 26	Total Rate Base	9,773,868	713,22 <u>6</u>	9,060,642
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27	ROR (Operating Income / Rate Base)	8.13%	7.07%	8.22%
28	Deturn on Equity (DOE)			
29	Return on Equity (ROE)	704.004	50.400	744.405
30	Total Operating Income	794,904	50,439	744,465
31	Debt Interest (Rate Base * Weighted Cost of Debt)	(200,364)	(14,621)	(185,743
32	Earnings Available for Common	594,539	35,818	558,722
33	Equity Rate Base (Rate Base * Equity Ratio)	<u>5,159,625</u>	<u>376,512</u>	4,783,113
34	ROE (earnings for Common/Equity Rate Base)	11.52%	9.51%	11.68%
35				
36	Revenue Deficiency			
37	Required Operating Income (Rate Base * Required Return)	677,329	49,427	627,902
38	Total Operating Income	<u>794,904</u>	<u>50,439</u>	<u>744,465</u>
39	Operating Income Deficiency	(117,575)	(1,012)	(116,562
40				
41	Revenue Conversion Factor (1/(1-Composite Tax Rate))	<u>1.265823</u>	<u>1.265823</u>	<u>1.265823</u>
42	Revenue Deficiency (Income Deficiency * Conversion Factor)	(148,829)	(1,281)	(147,547
43				
44	Total Revenue Requirements			
45	Total Retail Revenues	3,497,622	220,559	3,277,063
46	Revenue Deficiency	(148,829)	(1,281)	(147,547)
47	Total Revenue Requirements	3,348,793	219,277	3,129,516

#### Certificate of Service

I, Martha Hoschmiller, hereby certify that I have this day electronically served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

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Docket Nos. EL07-007 Transmission Cost Recovery Rider EL07-026 Environmental Measures Cost Recovery Rider

Dated this 28th Day of May 2021	l
/s/	
_ Martha Hoschmiller Regulatory Case Specialist II	