Section J

20:10:13:86. Statement J -- Depreciation expense. Statement J shall show for the test period depreciation expense by functional classification. These expenses shall be shown in separate columns as follows:

- (1) Expenses for the test period per books;
- (2) Claimed adjustments, if any, to actual expense;
- (3) Total adjusted expense claimed.

The bases, methods, essential computations and derivation of unit rates for the calculation of depreciation expense for the test period and for the depreciation adjustments shall be fully and clearly explained. The amounts of depreciable plant shall be shown by the functions specified in paragraph C of account 108, accumulated provisions for depreciation of plant in service of the FERC's uniform systems of accounts for public utilities and licensees or for gas companies and, if available, for each detailed plant account in the 300 series, together with the rates used in computing such expenses. Any deviation from the rates used in disposing of the utility's last previous rate filing or determination by this commission shall be explained, showing the rate or rates previously used together with supporting data for the new rate or rates used for this filing. Material required by § 20:10:13:87 shall be submitted as a part of statement J.

Source: 2 SDR 90, effective July 7, 1976; 12 SDR 86, effective November 24, 1985; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL <u>49-34A-4</u>.

Law Implemented: SDCL <u>49-34A-7</u>, <u>49-34A-10</u>, <u>49-34A-12</u>, <u>49-34A-41</u>.

20:10:13:87. Schedule J-1 -- Expense charged other than prescribed depreciation. Schedule J-1 shall be included in support of statement J as a

reconciliation of the aggregate investment in electric or gas plant shown in statement D, and the expense thereon charged in the first instance to other than prescribed depreciation expense accounts.

Northern States Power Company Electric Utility- State of South Dakota Depreciation Expense Year Ended December 31, 2013

FERC Account	Account Description	Depreciation Base	Depreciation Rate (%)	Depreciation to Other Expense (1) Accounts	Depreciation Expense	Adjustments	Depreciation Expense
Steam							
311	Structures & Improvements	313,464,473	*	8,746,051	8,746,051		
312	Boiler Plant Equipment	1,361,742,128	*	47,368,483	47,368,483		
314	Turbogenerator Units	302,899,210	*	11,152,630	11,152,630		
315	Accessory Electric Equipment	171,324,233	*	5,412,417	5,412,417		
316	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	53,635,034	*	1,641,746	1,641,746		
		2,203,065,078		74,321,327	74,321,327		
Nuclear							
321	Structures & Improvements	433,326,830	*	7,793,725	7,793,725		
322	Reactor Plant Equipment	1,094,083,224	*	24,256,187	24,256,187		
323	Turbogenerator Units	502,432,637	*	18,848,126	18,848,126		
324	Accessory Electric Equipment	348,784,556	*	8,725,006	8,725,006		
325	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	143,389,672	*	2,135,632	2,135,632		
		2,522,016,919		61,758,676	61,758,676		
Hydro	_						
331	Structures & Improvements	612,287	*	8,520	8,520		
332	Reservoirs, Dams & Waterways	6,698,358	*	200,565	200,565		
333	Water Wheels, Turbines & Generators	8,018,497	*	449,032	449,032		
334	Accessory Electric Equipment	2,769,330	*	154,892	154,892		
335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	60,824	*	748	748		
		18,159,296		813,757	813,757		
Decommis	sioning						
325	Nuclear Decommissioning MN Retail	-	*	14,189,136	14,189,136		
325	Nuclear Decommissioning ND Retail	-	*	276,516	276,516		
325	Nuclear Decommissioning SD Retail	-	*	1,120,506	1,120,506		
325	Nuclear Decommissioning MN Whsle	-	*	-	-		
325	Nuclear Decommissioning WI Retail	-	*	5,281,146	5,281,146		
325	Nuclear Decommissioning WI Whsle		*				
		-		20,867,304	20,867,304		
325	Less Nuclear Decommissioning MN, ND & WI	Retail & Whsle		19,746,798	19,746,798		
				1,120,506	1,120,506		
Other	_						
340	Land/Wind Rights	14,253,721	1.09%		155,774		
341	Structures & Improvements	167,652,258	*	4,108,508	4,108,508		
342	Fuel Holders, Producers & Accessories	78,762,101	*	2,261,712	2,261,712		
344	Generators	1,395,491,792	*	52,094,008	52,094,008		
345	Accessory Electric Equipment	165,710,940	*	5,374,896	5,374,896		
346	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	21,842,693	*	613,100	613,100		
		1,843,713,505		64,607,998	64,607,998		
Electric Pr	Electric Production Subtotal 6,586,954,798			202,622,264	202,622,264		
				Difference Between Financial View and SD Rules			
Electric Pr	oduction Total				200,715,409	53,954,000	254,669,409 (

Total

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0,409 (6)

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Year Ended December 31, 2013

FERC Account	Account Description	Depreciation Base	Depreciation Rate (%)	Total Depreciation Expense (1)	Charged to Other Accounts	Net Depreciation Expense	Adjustments	Adjusted Depreciation Expense
Transmissio	on							
352	Structures & Improvements	54,453,471	1.03%	558,253		558,253		
353	Station Eqipment	905,141,421	2.02%	18,328,386		18,328,386		
354	Towers & Fixtures	118,344,459	1.83%	2,170,217		2,170,217		
355	Poles & Fixtures	638,383,242	2.15%	13,715,072		13,715,072		
356	OH Conductors	331,594,241	2.10%	6,954,210		6,954,210		
357	UG Conduit	12,658,081	1.37%	172,953		172,953		
358	UG Conductors	21,889,657	1.84%	403,400		403,400		
Transmissio	on Subtotal	2,082,464,572		42,302,491		42,302,491		
					Pre-Funded	(54,523)		
				Difference Between Fin	nancial View and SD Rules	5,275,989		
Transmissio	on Total				_	47,523,957	(10,326,000)	37,197,957 (6)
Transmissio	on Plant - Acquisition Adjustment							
114	OH Conductors	222,385	0.00%	-		-		
Transmissio	on Acquisition Adjustment Total	222,385		-		-		
Transmissio	on Plant - Leased							
355	Poles & Fixtures	780,937	2.17%	16,969		16,969		
356	OH Conductors	272,493	2.12%	5,780		5,780		
		1,053,430	_	22,749		22,749		
				Difference Between Fin	nancial View and SD Rules	4,583		
Transmissio	on Leased Total				_	27,332		27,332
Distribution	1							
361	Structures & Improvements	34,168,197	2.31%	790,578		790,578		
362	Station Eqipment	505,020,916	2.22%	11,208,119		11,208,119		
364	Poles & Fixtures	324,280,828	4.56%	14,790,783		14,790,783		
365	OH Conductors	382,281,589	2.99%	11,426,804		11,426,804		
366	UG Conduit	225,597,774	2.04%	4,612,935		4,612,935		
367	UG Conductors	945,768,441	2.13%	20,150,107		20,150,107		
368	Line Transformers	375,766,096	3.35%	12,596,207		12,596,207		
368	Capacitors	20,497,658	4.30%	880,590		880,590		
369	OH Service	79,167,640	3.95%	3,127,025		3,127,025		
369	UG Service	195,354,887	2.41%	4,717,175		4,717,175		
370	Meters	108,571,292	6.58%	7,139,988		7,139,988		
371	Customer Premise	22,705,183	0.00%	(19)		(19)		
373	Street Lighting	56,426,304	4.66%	2,627,894		2,627,894		
Distribution	n Subtotal	3,275,606,805		94,068,186		94,068,186		
Distributior	Total			Amortization of	of SD Short Term AFUDC	5,000 94,073,186	923,000	94,996,186 (6)
Distribution						21,070,100	723,000	(0)
Distribution		11.405	0.159/	1.424		1.404		
361	Structures & Improvements	66,195	2.15%	1,424		1,424		
362 Distribution	Station Eqipment	1,757,841	2.17%	38,209	<u> </u>	38,209		20 (22
Distribution	n Leased Total	1,824,036		39,633		39,633		39,633

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FERC Account	Account Description	Depreciation Base	Depreciation Rate (%)	Total Depreciation Expense (1)	Charged to Other Accounts	Net Depreciation Expense	Adjustments	Adjusted Depreciation Expense
Account	Account Description	Dase	Kate (76)	Expense (1)	Accounts	Expense	Aujustinents	Expense
Electric General								
390	Genl Structures & Improvements	59,083,076	2.26%	1,337,967		1,337,967		
391	General Office Furn & Equip	32,359,936	8.06%	2,607,430		2,607,430		
392	General Transp Equip	88,174,494	8.07%	7,117,131	7,117,131	-		
393	General Stores Equip	1,673,190	4.57%	76,548		76,548		
394	General Tools & Shop Equip	60,040,512	6.67%	4,006,237		4,006,237		
395	General Laboratory Equip	3,647,499	8.61%	314,217		314,217		
396	General Power Operated Equip	29,337,207	8.50%	2,493,698	2,493,698	-		
397	General Comm Equip	34,981,699	9.96%	3,483,923		3,483,923		
398	General Misc Equip	2,819,337	6.79%	191,461		191,461		
Electric Ge	neral Subtotal	312,116,950		21,628,612	9,610,829 (2)	12,017,783		
				Difference Between Fin	nancial View and SD Rules	(12,209)		
Electric Ge	neral Total					12,005,574	(2,782,000)	9,223,574 (6)
302	Franchises and Consents	127,471,087	4.62%	5,892,357		5,892,357		
303	Intangible Amortization (3)	65,447,980	12.65%	8,280,939		8,280,939		
	tangibles Subtotal	192,919,067	12.0370	14,173,296		14,173,296		
Licetite in		192,919,007			nancial View and SD Rules	14,448		
Electric In	tangibles Total			Difference Detween I i	ancial view and 5D Rules	14,187,744	(274,000)	13,913,744 (6)
Licetite in	ingrotes rotur					1,107,711	(211,000)	
Electric Co	ommon Plant (4) (5)			33,413,665	870,396	32,543,269		
				Difference Between Fir	nancial View and SD Rules	54,790		
Electric Common Plant Total					-	32,598,059	857,000	33,455,059 (6)
Total Elect	ric (Including Electric Common)	12,453,162,043	-	408,270,896	10,481,225	401,170,894	42,352,000	443,522,894 (6)

* Remaining Life Technique used for calculating Production Plant Depreciation

For further explanation see Statement J footnote.

(1) See Schedule E-3 for an explanation of the computation of depreciation.

Electric Utility Depreciation Expense charged to Clearing Accounts.

(2) (3) (4) Computer Software

Depreciation Expense related to Electric Common Plant is not available in the same detail as Total Electric.

(5) Common Depreciation allocation to Electric is based on the allocation found in the FERC Form 1, page 356.

(6) See Statement M, Pages 3 - 6