

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF 2017 ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND 2018  
BUDGET

DOCKET NO.: EL18-\_\_\_\_

**PETITION**

**INTRODUCTION**

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, operating in South Dakota, submits the enclosed documents, which are in accordance with Docket EL91-004 and EL14-058, to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of our 2017 Economic Development Activities and 2018 Budget.

**I. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION**

**A. Utility Employee Responsible for Filing**

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**C. Date of Filing and Date Modified Rates Take Effect**

Xcel Energy submits this Petition for approval on March 15, 2018. This submission has no effect on current rates.

## **II. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF FILING**

The Company submits the enclosed documents for approval of our 2017 Economic Development Activities and proposed 2018 Economic Development Budget.

The report is organized as follows:

- Attachment A: 2017 Economic Development Budget
- Attachment B: 2017 Economic Development Expenditures
- Attachment C: Proposed 2018 Economic Development Budget.

In addition, Attachment D provides documentation in support of the Company's actual 2018 economic development expenditures. The Company's bank account information has been redacted.

In 2017, none of the expended dollars were utilized for lobbying expenses for Xcel Energy or any other association that received funding during the year. Additionally, all dollars that are budgeted for 2018 will not be utilized for any lobbying expenses.

In 2017, there were no GOED Certified Ready Site program applications thus the reason that the budgeted \$10,000 dollars were reverted back to Rural Community Support. We will continue with this format going forward should there not be any certified ready site applications in 2018.

## **III. EFFECT OF THE CHANGE UPON XCEL ENERGY REVENUE**

There is no effect on the Company's current revenues.

## **IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

The Company requests that the following persons be placed on the Commission's official service list for this matter:

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## **CONCLUSION**

The Company respectfully requests the Commission approve the proposed 2017 Economic Development Activities and 2018 Budget.

Dated: March 15, 2018

Northern States Power Company