PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Kristie Fiegen Chairperson
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF 2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND 2019 BUDGET

PETITION

DOCKET NO.: EL19-

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 2018 Economic Development Activities and 2019 Budget.

I. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

A. Utility Employee Responsible for Filing

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B. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Utility Attorney

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C. Date of Filing and Date Modified Rates Take Effect

Xcel Energy submits this Petition for approval on March 19, 2019. This submission has no effect on current rates.

II. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF FILING

The Company submits the enclosed documents for approval of our 2018 Economic Development Activities and proposed 2019 Economic Development Budget.

The report is organized as follows:

Attachment A: 2018 Economic Development Budget

Attachment B: 2018 Economic Development Expenditures

Attachment C: Proposed 2019 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.

Attachment E: Seven Year History

In 2018, 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 2019 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 2018 Economic Development Activities and 2019 Budget.

Dated: March 19, 2019

Northern States Power Company