

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHERN STATES POWER)	TARIFF REVISIONS
COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR)	
APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION TO)	EL20-035
THE BACK OF THE COMPANY'S)	
STANDARD BILLING FORM AND)	
DISCONNECTION NOTICE)	

On December 14, 2020, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a Petition for Approval of a Modification to the Back of the Company's Standard Billing Form and Disconnection Notice with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Specifically, Xcel requests the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets containing the modified back of the Standard Billing Form and the Disconnection Notice to include a change in the telephone number provided to customers as an option for making bill payments when using a credit or debit card. Xcel has recently contracted with a new vendor that will process customers' credit/debit card payments, necessitating the change in telephone number, effective February 21, 2021. Xcel states the change in vendor will reduce the credit/debit card processing transaction fee that is charged by the vendor to customers and the new platform will also provide customers with a better, more streamlined customer experience.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 8

6th Revised Sheet No. 2.3

Canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. 2.3

6th Revised Sheet No. 6

Canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. 6

On December 17, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 4, 2021, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 19, 2021, Xcel filed a response to Commission staff's first data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20:10:13:12, 20:10:17:03, and 20:10:20:05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a February 21, 2021, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective February 21, 2021. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's request to revise its aforementioned tariff sheets is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after February 21, 2021.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of February 2021.

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, electronically or mail.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date:	<u>02/09/21</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner