

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF )  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY )  
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF )  
ITS 2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT )  
ACTIVITIES AND 2021 BUDGET )

**ORDER APPROVING 2020  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT AND 2021 ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

**EL21-003**

On February 8, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) requesting approval of its 2020 Economic Development Annual Report and 2021 Economic Development Budget. The filing includes Xcel's report on the 2020 budgeted and actual economic development expenses and provides documentation of the actual expenses incurred. The filing also details a proposed economic development budget for 2021.

On February 11, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 26, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. After reviewing the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve Xcel's 2020 Economic Development Report and the 2021 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2020 Economic Development Report and 2021 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 by mail.
By: <u>Adam Detfueck</u>
Date: <u>3/17/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner