

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE
RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND FACTOR
UPDATE**

**ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE

EL21-028**

On October 1, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2022 Infrastructure Rider Project Eligibility and Factor Update. Xcel requests approval of project eligibility of two additional wind projects consistent with SDCL 49-34A-73 and the Settlement Stipulation in Docket GE17-003, O&M expenses associated with wind investments, the Infrastructure Rider Tracker Report and true-up for the 2021 revenue requirements, 2022 Infrastructure Rider revenue requirements of \$30.0 million, an updated Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.013865 per kWh, proposed revision to the Infrastructure Rider tariff sheet, and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2022, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an estimated \$10.40, a \$1.48 increase over the 2021 rate.

On October 7, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 22, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

SDCL 49-34A-77 requires an electric utility filing an application for a phase in rate plan to pay a filing fee to be determined by the Commission in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of October 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 by mail.
By: <u>Adam Dethecke</u>
Date: <u>10/14/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner