

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF))	ORDER APPROVING 2022
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY))	INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF))	PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND
ITS 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER))	FACTOR UPDATE
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND FACTOR))	
UPDATE))	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 December 10, 2021, Xcel filed an updated Petition. In the updated Petition Xcel updates the revenue requirement to \$28.9 million, the rate to \$0.013361, and states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an estimated \$10.02, a \$1.10 increase over the 2021 impact.

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. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On December 14, 2021, Commission staff filed its Memorandum.

The revised tariff sheet proposed for approval by Xcel, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2022, is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

10th Revised Sheet No. 74

Cancelling 9th Revised Sheet No. 74

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 21, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.013361 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2022 and approval of the two new wind projects and O&M expenses associated with wind investments. The Commission finds that the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.013361 per kWh was properly calculated. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed projects as eligible for recovery and approve the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment

factor of \$0.013361 per kWh and revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2022. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed projects are approved as eligible for recovery and the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.013361 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet are approved, effective January 1, 2022. It is further

ORDERED, that nothing in this order shall constitute a prudence determination from the Commission with respect to any of the facilities associated with this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of December 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 deHueck</u>
Date: <u>12/23/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner