

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	CONTINUATION OF CREDIT
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF)	MECHANISM AND APPROVING BILL
A CREDIT MECHANISM FOR PAYMENTS)	CREDIT
FROM THE THIRD EXTENDED)	
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SETTLEMENT)	EL21-035

On December 3, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) asking for approval of a continuation of a credit mechanism for funds received pursuant to the third extended Settlement with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for DOE's partial breach of its contract to take spent nuclear fuel for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. The gross amount currently available for credit is approximately \$16.6 million on a total company basis, or \$911,481 on a South Dakota jurisdictional basis. Due to refunds in other jurisdictions, Xcel is requesting a 30-day extension for the first of the bill credits, with the future bill credits being refunded within 90 days, in a manner consistent with the Commission's Orders in Dockets EL11-023, EL16-001, and EL19-002.

On December 9, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 27, 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 in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2022, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Xcel's request for the continuation of the one-time bill credit mechanism and grant the requested 30-day extension for the first of the bill credits only. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's request for the continuation of the bill credit mechanism consistent with the Commission's Orders in Dockets EL11-023, EL16-001, and EL19-002 is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's request for a 30-day extension until February 23, 2022, for the first of the bill credits only, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of January 2022.

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: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 01/20/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
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Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner