

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	WAIVER AND EXTENSION
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A)	
CREDIT MECHANISM FOR PAYMENTS)	
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.

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. On January 20, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Approving Continuation of Credit Mechanism and Approving Bill Credit, which established that future bill credits be refunded within 90 days, in a manner consistent with the Commission’s Orders in Dockets EL11-023, EL16-001, and EL19-002.

On December 20, 2023, Xcel filed a petition requesting a waiver to the 90-day requirement to return the third payment under the Third Extended Settlement to ratepayers. Due to refunds in other jurisdictions, Xcel is requesting a six-week extension for the third payment under the Third Extended Settlement.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, and 49-34A-6.


At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Xcel’s request for a waiver of the 90-day requirement to return the third payment under the Third Extended Settlement to ratepayers and a six-week extension for the third payment under the Third Extended Settlement.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel’s request for a waiver of the 90-day requirement to return the third payment under the Third Extended Settlement to ratepayers is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel’s request for a six-week extension for the third payment under the Third Extended Settlement, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of February 2024.

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></u>
Date:	<u>7 February 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson


GARY HANSON, Commissioner


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner