

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
NORTHERN STATES POWER DBA XCEL )  
ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS )  
ELECTRIC RATES )

ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION

EL22-017

On June 30, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval to increase rates for electric service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$44.1 million annually or approximately 17.9% based on Xcel's 2021 historic test year. Xcel states a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month would see an increase of \$19.58 per month. The proposed changes affect approximately 97,500 customers.

On July 7, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 16, 2022, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On July 22, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Suspending Operation of Proposed Rates; Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Consulting Contracts. In response to the Notice of Change in Rates, multiple customers of Xcel have filed comments requesting the rate be suspended and a public hearing be held. On September 16, 2022, Steve Wegman filed to intervene in the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, and 49-34A, specifically SDCL 1-26-17.1, and ARSD 20:10:01, specifically ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2022, the Commission considered the petition for intervention. Neither Commission staff nor Xcel objected to granting intervention. Finding that the petition to intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention, the Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention to Steve Wegman. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of Steve Wegman is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

<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 Lettueck</u>
Date: <u>9/29/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner