

**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 2024 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT) **ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE**
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On September 1, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2024 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2024, Xcel proposes recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 24 transmission projects located throughout its service territory. Xcel proposes to include four new projects for 2024. Xcel proposes to recover \$1,149,733 associated with the 24 transmission projects for the 2024 calendar year. When combined with the 2023 under-collection balance of \$441,363 and Midcontinent Independent System Operator Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits (MISO RECB) credit of \$1,134,747, the resulting 2024 revenue requirement is \$456,349. The total of the transmission investment costs, the MISO RECB credit, and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$0.15 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is an increase of \$0.44 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.000205 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1 through December 31, 2024. This represents an increase of \$0.000594 from the existing rate of negative \$0.000389 per kWh.

On September 7, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 22, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$50,000.00 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 22, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$50,000.00 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 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of September 2023.

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><i>[Signature]</i></u>
Date: <u>26 September 2023</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson
Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner
Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner