

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL )  
ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO )  
THE SERVICE RECONNECTION CHARGE )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS  
  
EL23-028**

On September 15, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of a modification to its service reconnection charges to reflect the costs of remote service disconnection and reconnection. Xcel states it will begin deploying Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters in early 2024 and proposes residential and small commercial customers be eligible for the lower service reconnection charge immediately after AMI is installed at their premises. Xcel proposes customers without AMI meters pay the current \$35 service reconnection charge until AMI deployment is fully complete in late 2025, and the higher service reconnection charge would take effect for these customers on January 1, 2026. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 6

4th Revised Sheet No. 3

1st Revised Sheet No. 3.1

Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 3

Cancelling Original Sheet No. 3.1

On September 21, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 6, 2023, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a January 1, 2024, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective January 1, 2024.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2024.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of December 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>And M. Pinn</u>
Date:	<u>12/8/2023</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner