

**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 PROPOSED TARIFF )  
MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONTROLLED AIR )  
CONDITIONING AND WATER HEATER RIDER )

ORDER DENYING TARIFF  
REVISIONS

EL23-032

On October 27, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) proposing to modify the Residential Controlled Air Conditioning and Water Heating Rider and Commercial Controlled Air Conditioning Rider (Saver's Switch) to allow for increased demand response control. Xcel seeks approval to increase the maximum amount of load that can be controlled during a demand event by cycling a participants' air conditioning load from 50% to 60%. In addition, in the case of a North American Electric Reliability Corporation Level 2 system emergency, Xcel requests the right to cycle up to an 80% reduction.

The proposed revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 66

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.1

Cancelling 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 66

Cancelling Original Sheet No. 67.1

On November 2, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 17, 2023, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 2, 2024, Xcel filed responses to Staff's data requests.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions. After questions of the parties by the Commissioners and public discussion among the Commissioners, Commissioner Hanson's motion to approve the proposed tariff revisions failed. The Commission then unanimously voted to deny the approval of the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's request to revise its aforementioned tariff sheets is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

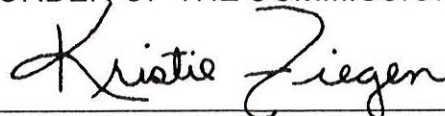
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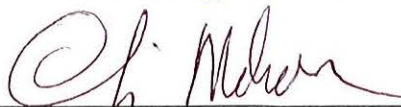
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson



GARY HANSON, Commissioner



CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner