

**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)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC)
RATES)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE; ORDER
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
CONSULTING CONTRACTS**

EL25-024

On June 30, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for authority to increase rates for electric service in South Dakota. With its Application, Xcel requests a net annual incremental increase in revenues of \$43.6 million, or approximately 15%. Additionally, the costs of certain projects that are currently recovered through the Infrastructure Rider and the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider will be rolled into base rates, resulting in a gross overall base rate increase of \$63.4 million. Xcel states a typical residential electric customer using 756 kWh per month would see an average monthly bill increase of about \$20.56 or 18.66%. The proposed changes may affect approximately 107,000 electricity customers in South Dakota. Xcel proposes an effective date of January 1, 2026, consistent with the moratorium currently in effect pursuant to the settlement stipulation approved by the Commission in docket EL22-017.

On July 3, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 17, 2025, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$500,000 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon an application to increase rates as part of a general rate case.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, 49-34A and ARSD Chapter 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess Xcel a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$500,000 for actual expenses related to the general rate case and to give the executive director authority to enter into consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee in an amount up to the statutory limit of \$500,000 for actual expenses related to the general rate case, with payments made to the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee fund as periodically billed by the Commission. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July 2025.

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: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 21 July 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner