

**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 GRANTING
LATE FILED
INTERVENTION**

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 individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On July 21, 2025, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Consulting Contracts. On September 22, 2025, Steven Wegman filed a Petition to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction in 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 October 7, 2025, the Commission considered the Petition to Intervene. Neither Xcel nor Commission staff objected to the intervention. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to Steven Wegman. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of October 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: 9 October 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner