

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	ORDER GRANTING JOINT
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY	)	MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY TO	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC RATES	)	
	)	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 electric 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 October 1, 2025, Staff and Xcel filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule. On October 9, 2025, Steven Wegman was granted late intervention.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Xcel and Staff requested the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule. Intervenor Steven Wegman did not appear. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule filed on October 1, 2025. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the procedural schedule is established as follows:

Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due.....	March 20, 2026
All Parties' Rebuttal Testimony Due.....	April 14, 2026
File Exhibits and Witness List.....	April 21, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing.....	April 28-30, 2026

It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten calendar days after service of discovery unless a different period is agreed upon by the requesting Party and responding Party. It is further

ORDERED, that prefiled testimony is prerequisite to the offering of testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th 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: 27 October 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner