

## **PUBLIC RATE INCREASE NOTICE**

On June 30, 2025, Northern States Power Company, an Xcel Energy company operating in South Dakota, asked the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) for permission for an annual incremental revenue requirement increase of \$43.6 million, or 15.0 percent.<sup>1</sup> If approved, the increase would be effective no earlier than Jan. 1, 2026.

Xcel Energy's last request for a base rate increase was in 2022. Since that time, Xcel Energy has made significant investments in its distribution system in South Dakota, its generation facilities, and the transmission system; it has also replaced aging technology and fleet assets and invested in service centers. In addition, general economic trends, such as inflation, have increased the costs of operating our business. A rate increase is necessary at this time in order to support our need to continue to make investments in our system and provide safe, reliable, efficient energy in the future.

The actual impact of the requested rate increase on individual customer bills will vary depending on the customer's rate class and amount of energy used. Based on this request, a typical residential electric customer using 756 kWh per month would see an average monthly bill increase of about \$20.56 per month or 18.66 percent. The increases experienced by commercial and industrial customers will vary depending on rate class, load factor, and amount and nature of use. The actual amount of any rate adjustments will be determined by the SDPUC and such amounts could be greater or less than initially requested.

Under South Dakota law, SDCL 49-34A-12, a customer has a right to join with 24 other customers in Xcel Energy's service area to file a written objection to this proposed increase. Customers may request the SDPUC to suspend the rate increase and hold a public hearing to determine whether such a rate increase should be allowed.

### **For More Information**

You may visit Xcel Energy's Sioux Falls office at 500 West Russell Street during normal business hours to examine the current and proposed rate schedules.

You may also examine current and proposed rate schedules and filing documents by visiting our website at [https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates\\_and\\_regulations](https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations) (Make sure "South Dakota" is selected in the pull-down menu in the top left corner).

Or, you may access case documents on the SDPUC's website (look for Docket EL25-\_\_\_\_): <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2025/default.aspx>

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<sup>1</sup> Individual bill impacts will vary depending on customer class and particular usage patterns.