

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026 TRANSMISSION
COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE
ADJUSTMENT**

ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE

EL25-031

On August 29, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2026 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2026, Xcel proposes to move projects that are currently in the rider that were placed in service as of December 31, 2024, into base rates, consistent with its proposal in docket EL25-024. Additionally, Xcel's petition includes four other projects that have in-service portions, 30 projects that have in-service dates beyond December 31, 2024, Midcontinent Independent System Operator Regional Expansion Criteria and Benefits (MISO RECB) revenues and expenses, and two new projects. Xcel proposes to recover a 2025 TCR revenue requirement of \$3,299,886 which will result in an average bill impact of \$1.07 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is an increase of \$0.74 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.001422 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1 through December 31, 2026. This represents an increase of \$0.000981 from the existing rate of \$0.000441 per kWh.

On September 4, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 19, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$50,000.00 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 9, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$50,000.00 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee not to exceed \$50,000.00 pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of September 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: 10 September 25

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary W. Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner