

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF INVESTOR-OWNED</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>UTILITIES' JOINT REQUEST FOR DEFERRED</b>	)	<b>REQUESTS TO WITHDRAW</b>
<b>TREATMENT OF THE FINANCIAL EFFECTS</b>	)	<b>AND CEASE QUARTERLY</b>
<b>OF COVID-19 AND THE CREATION OF</b>	)	<b>REPORTING</b>
<b>REGULATORY ASSETS</b>	)	
	)	<b>GE20-002</b>

On May 1, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Request for Deferred Treatment of the Financial Effects of COVID-19 and the Creation of Regulatory Assets from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), Otter Tail Power Company, and Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group (Montana-Dakota) (collectively, Petitioners).

On May 7, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 15, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. All investor-owned utilities in South Dakota, with the exception of Black Hills Energy, were original parties to this docket. No petitions to intervene were filed. One comment was filed on June 15, 2020.

Petitioners requested approval for deferred accounting treatment to allow for the recognition of the costs associated with the response to COVID-19 as a regulatory asset beginning from the date the emergency was declared, March 13, 2020. On August 19, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Request for Deferred Accounting Treatment of the Financial Effects of COVID-19 and Creation of Regulatory Assets. As part of this order, the Petitioners were required to provide quarterly reporting of the known and estimated increases and decreases to costs and revenues that the Petitioners plan to include or have included in their regulatory assets as well as additional detailed information regarding bad debt. Having determined they will not seek recovery of expenses related to COVID-19, MidAmerican, Montana-Dakota, and NorthWestern requested the Commission allow them to withdraw from this docket and cease filing quarterly reports related to this docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-7 and ARSD 20:10:13.48.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 27, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Finding good cause to do so, the Commission unanimously voted to allow MidAmerican, Montana-Dakota, and NorthWestern to withdraw from the docket and cease quarterly reporting. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican, Montana-Dakota, and NorthWestern are granted withdrawal from this docket. It is further

ORDERED, that no further quarterly reports are required to be filed in this docket by MidAmerican, Montana-Dakota, or NorthWestern.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: <u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: <u>8/27/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner