

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	
COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY)	REQUEST FOR IMPOSITION
STAFF FOR APPROVAL OF AN AGREED)	OF PENALTY
UPON PENALTY FOR PIPELINE)	
SAFETY VIOLATIONS BY NORTHERN)	PS20-001
STATES POWER COMPANY dba XCEL)	
ENERGY)	


Pursuant to an inspection conducted by Pipeline Safety Staff (Staff) on October 2-November 30, 2020, a violation of 47 CFR 192.723(b)(1) and a violation of 49 CFR §192.631(h) and 49 CFR §192.631(h)(6) by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) were noted. Staff has discussed the matter with Xcel, and it is Staff's understanding that Xcel is supportive of Staff's request, therefore, Staff files this docket as a Request for Imposition of Penalty, rather than a formal Complaint.

Staff calculated the penalty amounts pursuant to the factors listed in SDCL 49-34B-12. The attached Summary of Deficiencies and Penalties Calculation Template provide details regarding the violation and recommendation. (See Exhibit 1)

Conclusion

For the above-mentioned reasons, as well as those detailed in Exhibit 1, Staff respectfully requests the Commission approve a penalty totaling \$2,076.00.

Dated this 15th day of December 2020.



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