BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS REVISED RATE SHEETS FOR ITS OCCASIONAL DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE AND TIME OF DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE	)	**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS** **EL04-030**

On October 7, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Xcel Energy (Xcel) requesting approval to revise its rate sheets for the Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service. Xcel asked for approval of the following revised tariff sheets of its Electric Rate Schedule:

Occasional Delivery Energy Service Rate Code E50, Section No. 9, 4th Revised Sheet No. 2, Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 2

Time of Delivery Energy Service Rate Code E52, Section No. 9, 4th Revised Sheet No. 3, Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 3

According to the application, the proposed Occasional Delivery Energy Service Rate Code E50 rate sheet is revised to reflect a higher metering charge and decreased energy payment. The energy payment is based on the Company's 2004 avoided energy cost estimate. The proposed Time of Delivery Energy Service Rate Code E52 rate sheet is revised to reflect an increase in the metering charge. Energy and capacity payments are also revised to reflect the Company's 2004 avoided costs projection.

At its regularly scheduled December 14, 2004, meeting, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. The Commission found the rate changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's aforementioned revised tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 12/20/04

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner