

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY) D/B/A XCEL ENERGY TO ESTABLISH AN) ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES COST) RECOVERY TARIFF AND FOR APPROVAL OF) 2007 AND 2008 PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL) MEASURES TO BE INCLUDED IN RATES)	ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE EL07-026
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On September 7, 2007, Northern States Power Company D/B/A Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a petition with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of a tariff establishing an Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (ECR Rider) pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100. The company also seeks approval to implement the tariff by including the allocated jurisdictional costs in the ECR Rider for environmental expenditures planned to be made in 2007 and 2008.

On September 13, 2007, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 12, 2007, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A and 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 29, 2008, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found that pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8, Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee as requested by the Deputy Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$50,000, with an initial deposit of \$8,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel shall be assessed a filing fee of not to exceed \$50,000; and it is further

ORDERED, that Xcel shall make an initial deposit in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund in the amount of \$8,000, and shall from time to time make such additional deposits up to the total amount of the assessment as requested by the Deputy Executive Director.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of February, 2008.

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.

By: *Amisa J. [Signature]*

Date: 2/5/08

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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