

**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 REGARDING THE 2011) ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY RIDER) AND 2010 ECR TRACKER REPORT))))))	ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE EL10-012
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On September 3, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of a revised Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Adjustment Factor for 2011 and approval of the tracker report for approved environmental expenditures and revenues received since the implementation of a first adjustment factor that became effective on February 1, 2009. The Company proposes a January 1, 2011, effective date. On September 9, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 24, 2010, to interested individuals and entities.

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 incurred from the time of the filing incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26, 49-1A, 49-34A, and ARSD 20:10:01:15:02 and 20:10:01:15:03.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 9, 2010, 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 Commission Staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000. It is therefore

ORDERED that Xcel shall deposit an initial filing fee in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund in the amount specified by the Executive Director and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by Executive Director, not to exceed the statutory limit.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of November, 2010.

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: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>11/16/10</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

[Signature: Steve Kolbeck]
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner