

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS TARIFF))))	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS EL12-050
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On August 9, 2012, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition requesting approval of revisions to its customer billing forms included in its tariff, South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section No. 8

4 th Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling 3 rd Revised Sheet No. 1
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 2
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 2.1	Canceling 1 st Revised Sheet No. 2.1
Original Sheet No. 2.2	
Original Sheet No. 2.3	
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 3
Original Sheet No. 3.1	
Original Sheet No. 3.2	
2 nd Revised Sheet No 4	Canceling 1 st Revised Sheet No. 4
Original Sheet No. 4.1	
Original Sheet No. 4.2	

On August 16, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Petition and the intervention deadline of August 31, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. 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 and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regular meeting on September 11, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Xcel stated that in discussions with Commission Staff (Staff), it had agreed to certain changes to the bill form and bill form back recommended by Staff. Xcel stated that it would defer to Staff to explain these proposed changes. Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with the following modifications and actions: (i) to the bill form second page, Sheets 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1, add a line item for Environmental Cost Recovery to match what is on the bill form back explanation; (ii) in the explanation of Demand Side Management on the bill form back, Sheet No. 2.3, change "South Dakota law" to "Xcel's Public Utilities Commission approved tariff"; (iii) based on Xcel's expectation that its billing system changes would be ready for introduction of the new bill forms by February, that Xcel be required to make a compliance filing, at least 30 days prior to introduction of the new bill forms, of revised tariff sheets reflecting this Order and setting forth an effective date after which the new bill forms will be used in lieu of the existing forms; and (iv) that the bill form back, although only included in the tariff as Sheet 2.3 in connection with Sheets 2, 2.1, and 2.2 also be used for billings under the Reminder Notice Bill Form, Sheets 3, 3.1, and 3.2, and the Automatic Payment Plan Customer Bill form, Sheets 4, 4.1, and 4.2. Staff further recommended that Sheet No. 2.3 be modified to reflect the date on which a customer's account is automatically debited under the Automatic Payment Plan as the bill due date and including a

brief explanation that the actual bank debit date may be one or more days following such date based on the bank's practice. Xcel agreed to such further recommendation by Staff.

Finding that, with the modifications and further actions recommended by Staff and agreed to by Xcel, the requested tariff revisions are just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested revisions to the tariff sheets identified in detail above of Xcel's South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2, as modified by the Staff recommended modifications set forth in detail above, are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the bill form back, although only included in the tariff as Sheet 2.3 in connection with Sheets 2, 2.1, and 2.2 shall also be used for billings under the Reminder Notice Bill Form, Sheets 3, 3.1, and 3.2, and the Automatic Payment Plan Customer Bill form, Sheets 4, 4.1, and 4.2 It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel will make a compliance filing of final tariff pages conforming to this Order no later than thirty days prior to implementation of the new customer bill.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of September, 2012.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Davis</u></p> <p>Date: <u>Sept. 17, 2012</u></p> <p>(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner