

**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 TO )  
ADJUST THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT )  
CLAUSE RIDER RATE FROM OCTOBER )  
2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2018 )**

**ORDER APPROVING FUEL  
CLAUSE RIDER ADJUSTMENT**

**EL17-038**

On September 15, 2017, Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for approval on less than 30 days' notice to vary from its Fuel Clause Rider (FCR) tariff, Sheet Nos. 64-64.2, effective October 1, 2017. Xcel Energy makes this filing in compliance with the Commission's order in Docket EL16-037 that required a proposal to mitigate the potential FCR rate volatility associated with the unrecovered amount in the balancing account. Xcel Energy proposes to amortize the unrecovered balance over a period of five months from October 2017 through February 2018.

On September 21, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 25, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. Xcel is a party to the docket.

At its September 26, 2017, meeting, the Commission considered Xcel's request to vary from its FCR tariff. Xcel also requested that the Commission approve the proposed proxy pricing methodology to recover the energy costs associated with the Aurora project. Commission Staff recommended approval of both requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25. Further, the Commission finds that Xcel's request for approval to vary from its FCR tariff is just and reasonable and shall be approved on less than 30 days' notice. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's proposal to vary from their established FCR tariff is approved on less than 30 days' notice, effective October 1, 2017. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's proposed proxy pricing methodology to recover the energy costs associated with the Aurora project is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cromes</u>
Date: <u>09/28/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiogen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner