

**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 FOR APPROVAL )  
OF ITS 2018 INFRASTRUCTURE )  
RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY )  
AND FACTOR UPDATE )**

**ORDER APPROVING 2018  
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER  
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY  
AND FACTOR UPDATE**

**EL17-039**

On September 29, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2018 infrastructure rider project eligibility, revised adjustment factor, and tracker account report. Xcel requests approval of project eligibility for three additional projects included in the Docket EL14-058 settlement agreement Exhibit C that are not already included in the rider; project eligibility of five additional projects; the infrastructure rider tracker report and true-up for the 2017 revenue requirements of approved project investment and the proposed newly added projects; 2018 infrastructure rider revenue requirements of \$11.4 million; an updated infrastructure rider adjustment factor of \$0.005367 per kWh; proposed revision to the infrastructure rider tariff sheet; and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2018, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be increased to \$4.03 per month compared to the current average residential bill impact of \$4.00 per month under the current rate.

On October 5, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 20, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On November 29, 2017, Xcel filed a revised infrastructure filing and attachments reflecting the removal of Black Dog unit 6 and correction of an omission of a project on Attachment 5. The revised rate filed is \$0.005181, a decrease from the rate currently in place and as originally filed. Xcel states the revised average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be decreased to \$3.89 per month compared to the current average residential bill impact of \$4.00 per month under the current rate.

The revised tariff sheet proposed for approval by Xcel, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2018, is as follows:

**South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2**

**Section No. 5**

**6th Revised Sheet No. 74**

**Cancelling 5th Revised Sheet No. 74**

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

The Commission considered this matter at its regular meeting on December 19, 2017. Commission staff recommended approval of the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.005181 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2018. The

Commission considered the matter and voted unanimously to approve the proposed projects as eligible for recovery and to approve the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor and the revised tariff sheet. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed projects are approved as eligible for recovery and the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.005181 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet are approved, effective January 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2017.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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 or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Cromer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/21/17</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner