

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS 2017 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
ACTIVITIES AND 2018 BUDGET)

**ORDER APPROVING 2017
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2018 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

EL18-013

On March 15, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2017 Economic Development Annual Report and 2018 Economic Development Budget. The filing includes Xcel's report on the 2017 budgeted and actual economic development expenses and provides documentation of the actual expenses incurred. The filing also includes a proposed economic development budget for 2018.

On March 22, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 6, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 5, 2018, Xcel filed its response to Commission staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. After reviewing the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve Xcel's 2017 Economic Development Report and the 2018 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2017 Economic Development Report and 2018 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of April 2018.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>4/25/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner