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 EXTENSION OF TEST PERIOD	)))))	**ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE FOLLOWING TEST PERIOD** **EL18-028**

On June 19, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Extension of Test Period from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) requesting an extension of time beyond the test period to file an application for increase in its electric rates. Xcel requests to be allowed to file a general rate increase application on or before September 1, 2018, based on a 2017 calendar year test period. ARSD 20:10:13:44 requires the use of a test period consisting of 12 months of actual experience ending no earlier than six months before the date of filing unless good cause for extension is shown.

On June 21, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 25, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13:44.

At its June 26, 2018, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of Xcel's request for extension of time. Finding good cause was shown by Xcel for an extension of time for filing a rate case following the end of its proposed calendar year 2017 test period, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested extension. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's request for extension of time for filing a general rate increase application following its calendar year 2017 test period is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of June 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.

By: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 06/28/18

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner