

**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)
 2019 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY)
 ELIGIBILITY AND RATE ADJUSTMENT)

**ORDER APPROVING 2019
 TRANSMISSION COST
 RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND
 RATE ADJUSTMENT**

EL18-036

On August 31, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2019 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2019, Xcel proposes recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 15 transmission projects located throughout its service territory. Xcel proposes to include one new project for 2019. Xcel proposes to recover \$6.5 million associated with these projects for the 2019 calendar year. Included in the \$6.5 million figure is the 2018 over-collection balance of \$876,711. The total of the transmission investment costs and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$2.28 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is a decrease of \$0.07 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.003037 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1 through December 31, 2019. This represents a decrease of \$0.000094 from the existing rate of \$0.003131 per kWh.

On September 6, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 21, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On November 30, 2018, Xcel filed responses to staff's data requests. The revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2019 is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

9th Revised Sheet No. 71

Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 71

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 11, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff recommended approval of the updated TCR rate factor of \$0.003037 and updated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2018. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the updated TCR rate factor of \$0.003037 and updated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2019. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the TCR rate factor of \$0.003037 and updated tariff sheet set forth above are approved effective January 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of December 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>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date:	<u>12/17/18</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
 GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
 CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner