

**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 INFRASTRUCTURE)
RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY)
AND FACTOR UPDATE)**

**ORDER APPROVING 2019
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY
AND FACTOR UPDATE**

EL18-040

On October 1, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2019 Infrastructure Rider Project Eligibility and Factor Update. Xcel requests approval of project eligibility for one project included in the Settlement Agreement Exhibit C not already included in the rider, project eligibility for six additional projects consistent with SDCL 49-34A-73 and the Settlement Stipulation in Docket GE17-003, the Infrastructure Rider Tracker Report and true-up for the 2018 revenue requirements, 2019 Infrastructure Rider revenue requirements of \$14.6 million, an updated Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.006853, proposed revisions to the Infrastructure Rider tariff sheet, and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2019, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an estimated \$5.14, a \$1.25 increase, or 1.37%, over the 2018 rate.

On October 4, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 19, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On October 22, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee.

The revised tariff sheet proposed for approval by Xcel, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2019, is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

7th Revised Sheet No. 74

Cancelling 6th 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 11, 2018. Commission staff recommended approval of the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.006853 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2019. 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 \$0.006853 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet are approved, effective January 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th 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>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>12/18/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner