

**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 PLAN TO PROVIDE PROCEEDS TO )  
CUSTOMERS FROM A SETTLEMENT )  
REGARDING THE OUTAGE AT SHERCO )  
UNIT 3 )

ORDER APPROVING  
ONE-TIME  
BILL CREDIT

EL19-018

On April 26, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel), for approval of its plan to provide proceeds to customers resulting from a settlement with General Electric Company, General Electric International, Inc., GE Energy Services, Inc., and GE Energy Control Solutions, Inc. in connection with the November 19, 2011, outage at Unit 3 of the Sherburne County Generation Station (Sherco 3). Xcel proposes to credit the settlement proceeds to South Dakota electric customers in the form of a one-time bill credit. Xcel proposes this bill credit be combined with the ninth Department of Energy bill credit already scheduled for implementation in August 2019.

On May 2, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 17, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, and 49-34A-8.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 28, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Xcel's proposal to credit the settlement proceeds regarding the Sherco 3 outage in the form of a one-time bill credit combined with the ninth Department of Energy bill credit already scheduled for implementation in August 2019. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's proposal for a one-time bill credit to distribute the settlement proceeds from the outage at Sherco 3, in conjunction with the bill credit already scheduled for implementation in August 2019, is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

**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: Adam DeHueck

Date: 5/31/19

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner