

**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 2020 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE)
ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER APPROVING 2020
TRANSMISSION COST
RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND
RATE ADJUSTMENT**

EL19-032

On August 30, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2020 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2020, Xcel proposes recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 19 transmission projects located throughout its service territory. Xcel proposes to include four new projects for 2020. Xcel proposes to recover \$6.5 million associated with these projects for the 2020 calendar year. Included in the \$6.5 million figure is the 2019 over-collection balance of \$737,588. The total of the transmission investment costs and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$2.24 per month for a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is a decrease of \$0.04 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.002986 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1 through December 31, 2020. This represents a decrease of \$0.000051 from the existing rate of \$0.003037 per kWh. Xcel filed an updated 2020 TCR Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report on December 4, 2019.

On September 5, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 20, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. The revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2020 is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

10th Revised Sheet No. 71

Cancelling 9th 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 10, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff recommended approval of the updated TCR rate factor of \$0.003027 and updated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2020. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the updated TCR rate factor of \$0.003027 and updated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2020. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the TCR rate factor of \$0.003027 and updated tariff sheet set forth above are approved effective January 1, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of December 2019.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam de Hueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/12/19</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner