

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	ORDER APPROVING 2020
PETITION OF NORTHERN)	INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA)	PROJECT ELIGIBILITY
XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	AND FACTOR UPDATE
OF ITS 2020 INFRASTRUCTURE)	
RIDER PROJECT ELIGIBILITY)	EL19-035
AND FACTOR UPDATE)	

On October 1, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2020 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 two additional wind 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 2019 revenue requirements, 2020 Infrastructure Rider revenue requirements of \$19.3 million, an updated Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.008873, proposed revisions to the Infrastructure Rider tariff sheet, and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2020, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an estimated \$6.65, a \$1.51 increase over the 2019 rate.

On October 3, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 18, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On October 18, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On December 5, 2019, Commission staff filed its Memorandum. On December 6, 2019, Commission staff filed a corrected Memorandum.

The revised tariff sheet proposed for approval by Xcel, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2020, is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

8th Revised Sheet No. 74

Cancelling 7th 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.

On December 10, 2019, at its regular meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.008873 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2020. The Commission finds that the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.008873 per kWh was properly calculated. The Commission 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 \$0.008873 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet are approved, effective January 1, 2020. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel shall provide to Commission staff annual informational reports on the performance metrics of the Blazing Star II and Freeborn Wind Projects as detailed in Commission staff's Memorandum filed in this docket. It is further

ORDERED, that nothing in this order shall constitute a prudence determination from the Commission with respect to any of the facilities associated with this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of December 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: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>12/13/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner