

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING 2021</b>
<b>NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY )</b>	<b>TRANSMISSION COST</b>
<b>DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF )</b>	<b>RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND</b>
<b>ITS 2021 TRANSMISSION COST )</b>	<b>RATE ADJUSTMENT</b>
<b>RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE )</b>	
<b>ADJUSTMENT )</b>	<b>EL20-025</b>

On September 1, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2021 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider, TCR rate factor, and tracker account report. For 2021, Xcel proposes recovery of the South Dakota jurisdictional portion of the revenue requirements related to 24 transmission projects located throughout its service territory. Xcel proposes to include five new projects for 2021. Xcel proposes to recover \$7.2 million associated with these projects for the 2021 calendar year. Included in the \$7.2 million figure is the 2020 over-collection balance of \$157,826. The total of the transmission investment costs, and the tracker balance results in an average bill impact of \$2.58 per month for a residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month. This is an increase of \$0.31 per month from the current TCR Rider recovery. Xcel proposes to implement a rate of \$0.003446 per kWh applied to all energy billed to each customer class beginning January 1 through December 31, 2021. This represents an increase of \$0.000419 from the existing rate of \$0.003037 per kWh.

On September 3, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 18, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On September 17, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On December 18, 2020, Commission staff filed its Memorandum.

The revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2021, is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 71

Cancelling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 71

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4 and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 22, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission’s staff recommended approval of the updated TCR rate factor of \$0.003446 and updated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2021. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the updated TCR rate factor of \$0.003446 and updated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2021. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the TCR rate factor of \$0.003446 per kWh and updated tariff sheet set forth above are hereby approved, effective January 1, 2021.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

**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: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 12/29/20

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner