

# 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 2021 )  
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER )  
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND )  
FACTOR UPDATE )

ORDER APPROVING 2021  
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER PROJECT  
ELIGIBILITY AND FACTOR UPDATE

EL20-026

On October 1, 2020, the Commission received a Petition by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2021 Infrastructure Rider Project Eligibility and Factor Update. Xcel requests approval of project eligibility of four additional wind projects consistent with SDCL 49-34A-73 and the Settlement Stipulation in Docket GE17-003, special rate treatment of one of the new projects, the Infrastructure Rider Tracker Report and true-up for the 2020 revenue requirements, 2021 Infrastructure Rider revenue requirements of \$24.9 million, an updated Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.011897 per kWh, proposed revision to the Infrastructure Rider tariff sheet, and proposed customer notice. Xcel proposes a January 1, 2021, effective date. Xcel states the average bill impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an estimated \$8.92, a \$2.27 increase over the 2020 rate.

On October 8, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 23, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On October 16, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On December 11 and 18, 2020, Xcel filed responses to staff data requests. On December 18, 2020, Commission staff filed its Memorandum.

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

## South Dakota Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5

9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 74

Cancelling 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 74

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 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 22, 2020. Commission staff recommended approval of the Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.011897 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and approval of the four new wind projects with special rate treatment of the Community Wind North project. The Commission finds that the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.011897 per kWh was properly calculated. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed projects as eligible for recovery with special rate treatment of the Community Wind North project, to approve the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor and the revised tariff sheet and require updates to Attachment 12B in future Infrastructure Rider filings. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed projects are approved as eligible for recovery with special rate treatment of the Community Wind North project, the revised Infrastructure Rider Adjustment Factor of \$0.011897 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet are approved, effective January 1, 2021. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel shall update Attachment 12B in future Infrastructure Rider filings.

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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 Detrick</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/28/20</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Piegen  
KRISTIE PIEGEN, Commissioner