

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FILED BY)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	REVISIONS
D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC. FOR APPROVAL)	
OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE SMALL)	EL00-027
GENERAL TIME OF DAY SERVICE)	

On September 21, 2000, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) the following tariff sheets proposing to modify the Small General Time of Day Service tariff terms and conditions number 4. According to the filing, the previous optional metering language has been subdivided into a Kilowatt-hour metered service and an unmetered service. Xcel is proposing to add a section providing for a low wattage unmetered service to serve the number of small automated meter reading devices that will be installed as part of a non-automated meter reading system. The tariff sheets to be revised are as follows:

SDPUC No. 2, Section No. 5, First Revised Sheet No. 23
SDPUC No. 2, Section No. 5, First Revised Sheet No. 24
SDPUC No. 2, Section No. 5, Original Sheet No. 24.1

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 4, 2001, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval, with the condition that the rates approved be included in a cost of service study in the next rate case.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

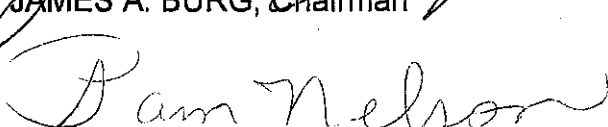
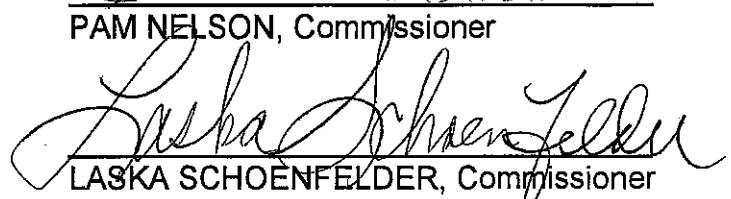
ORDERED, that Xcel's revised tariff sheets as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order. It is further

ORDERED, that the rates approved be included in a cost of service study in the next rate case.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of January, 2001.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Alaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>1/12/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner