

**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 2012 DEMAND) SIDE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND) 2014 PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE) MANAGEMENT PLAN)	ORDER APPROVING 2012 DEMAND) SIDE MANAGEMENT REPORT AND) 2014 PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE) MANAGEMENT PLAN)
	EL13-017

On May 1, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for 2012 Demand Side Management (DSM) Program Approval and Proposed 2014 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor (Petition) from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel). Specifically, Xcel requests approval of: the 2012 DSM Tracker Account; the incentive earned as a result of the 2012 DSM program's energy savings; the proposed 2014 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor; the expenditure flexibility of 10 percent above total approved budget starting in 2013; administrative flexibility to adjust rebate levels; and proposed program changes for 2014. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2

Section No. 5:

1st Revised Sheet No. 73

Cancelling Original Sheet No. 73

On May 2, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 17, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled November 22, 2013, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve Xcel's Petition. Staff also suggested that the commercial lighting budget be increased for 2015 in order to match consumer demand for the program.

The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Upon review of Xcel's 2012 DSM program results, the Commission finds that the program was properly executed and Xcel is entitled to receive the incentive for energy savings achieved. The Commission also finds that the 2012 DSM tracker account and 2014 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor were properly calculated. Further, the Commission finds that the 2014 program changes are reasonable and that granting Xcel the requested administrative flexibility, including expenditure flexibility of 10% above the total Commission-approved budget (beginning in 2013), will facilitate energy efficiency and savings in South Dakota. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Petition as filed. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition for 2012 DSM Program Approval and Proposed 2014 DSM Cost Adjustment Factor is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Xcel's tariff sheet as described above is approved effective January 1, 2014.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of December, 2013.

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: [Signature]

Date: 12.3.13

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner