

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS 2011 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
ACTIVITIES AND 2012 BUDGET)
)**

**ORDER APPROVING 2011
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL
REPORT AND 2012 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL12-028

On April 4, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2011 Economic Development Annual Report and the proposed 2012 Economic Development Plan. The filing includes Xcel's 2011 budget approved by the Commission in Docket EL11-005, its report on actual 2011 economic development expenditures, and its proposed economic development plan and budget for 2012.

On April 5, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 20, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 11, 2012, Xcel filed a letter in response to Staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled, meeting on May 22, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found that the filing is just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve Xcel's 2011 Economic Development Report and the 2012 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2011 Economic Development Report and 2012 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of May, 2012.

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.
By: <u>Joy King</u>
Date: <u>5-24-12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner