

**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 2011-2012 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE)
ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

EL12-035

On April 30, 2012, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Transmission Cost Recovery (Petition) from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of its 2011-2012 transmission cost recovery (TCR) project eligibility and rate adjustment. On May 24, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee and Suspending Operation of Rate Schedule. On August 7, 2012, Xcel and Staff jointly filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, the Settlement Stipulation, and attachments.

On May 3, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 18, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25 et seq.

Following action taken at its regular meeting on August 14, 2012, on August 17, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Approving Settlement Stipulation (Order). Paragraph III.10. of the Settlement Stipulation required Xcel to submit revised tariff sheets in accordance with the Order. On August 27, 2012, Xcel filed the following revised tariff sheet of its South Dakota Electric Rate Book - SDPUC No. 2:

Section No. 5

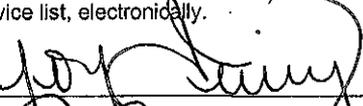
2nd Revised Sheet No. 71

Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 71

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above referenced revised tariff sheet is approved.

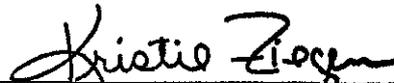
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of August, 2012.

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></u>
Date: <u>8/27/12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner