

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Application

Case No. PU-07-776

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Claire Tipton deposes and says that:

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Order on Interim Rates

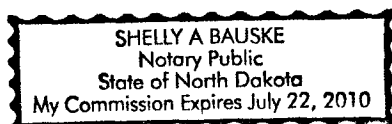
The envelope was addressed as follows:

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Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services Inc.
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **31st day of January, 2008**.



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Claire R. Tipton

Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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ORDER ON INTERIM RATES
January 30, 2008

On December 7, 2007, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application to increase its electric rates including an interim rate increase.

Under N.D.C.C. §49-05-06(2) a company filing for a rate increase is entitled to an interim increase, but the rate increase must meet certain criteria. These include: the same rate of return on common equity authorized by the Commission in the public utility's most recent rate proceeding; rate base and expense items the same in nature and kind allowed by the Commission in its most recent rate proceeding and; no change in the existing rate design.

NSP's interim rate increase is based on a projected 2008 test year and seeks an increase in annual revenue collections of \$17,183,000, or an overall increase in retail revenues of 11.49%. To accomplish this, NSP filed an Interim Rate Adjustment of 14.96% to be applied to the non-gas portion of the bill (the delivery service, basic service, and distribution charges) The Interim Rate Adjustment will be shown as a separate line item on customers' bills.

On January 25, 2008, the Commission's advocacy staff filed comments stating that NSP's interim rate request should be approved.

In the event the interim rate amounts collected by NSP are in excess of the final rates approved by the Commission, NSP is required to refund the excess under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(4), including interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

Order

The Commission orders:

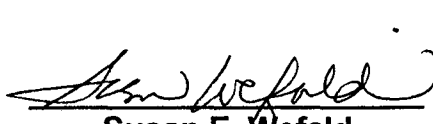
1. Northern States Power Company's proposed interim rate increase is approved to increase annual revenue collections by \$17,183,000.
2. Northern States Power Company's proposed interim rates shall be effective for service rendered on or after February 5, 2008.

3. Northern States Power Company is not required to obtain a bond under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(3) to secure a refund required under North Dakota Century Code §49-05-06(4).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Tony Clark
Commissioner



Susan E. Wefald
President



Kevin Cramer
Commissioner