

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application**

**Case No. PU-07-776**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY ORDINARY MAIL & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Claire Tipton** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, two envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy and two electronic mail electronically sent a copy of:

Order on Interim Rates

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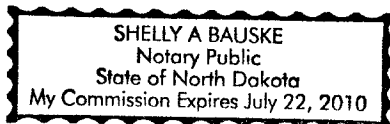
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008**.

  
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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**

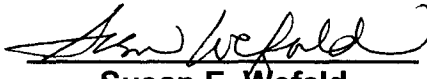
The Commission orders:

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

  
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Commissioner