

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Case No. PU-07-776

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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**Notice of Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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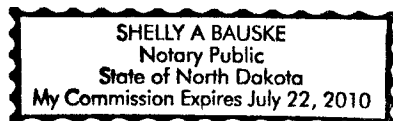
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008**.



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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**March 26, 2008**

On December 7, 2007 Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a Notice for Change in Rates for Electric Service under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05. NSP proposes a \$20 million or 14 percent increase in its annual North Dakota electric revenues. The proposed rates would affect NSP's service to all of its approximately 85,000 retail electric customers in the State of North Dakota.

On January 16, 2008 the North Dakota Public Service Commission issued a Notice of Public Input Session and Intervention Deadline. The Public Input Session was held simultaneously via interactive television on March 14, 2008, at various locations. The Intervention Deadline occurs March 28, 2008.

A **hearing** is scheduled to begin on **June 23, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. CT** in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. Issues to be considered in this matter include:

1. What is the value of NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is NSP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are NSP's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

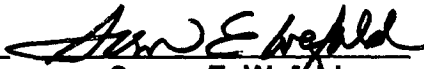
6. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify, Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Director, at least 24 hours in advance.

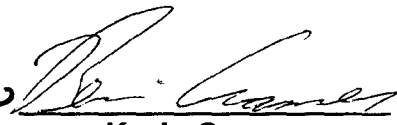
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