

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
2011 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Case No. PU-10-657

Northern States Power Company  
2012 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Case No. PU-11-55

Northern States Power Company  
Customer Credit – DOE Settlement  
Application

Case No. PU-11-557

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

October 31, 2012

On February 29, 2012, the Commission adopted an Order on Settlement in the captioned cases. Ordering paragraph two of that decision required Northern States Power Company (NSP) to file a plan for performance-based regulation with metrics to measure and evaluate system reliability, including rate of return incentives/penalties to improve North Dakota service reliability.

On June 4, 2012, NSP filed a Reliability Performance Plan proposal which provides a financial incentive for reducing outages; a penalty of \$50 payable to customers experiencing more than 3 outages in a year, excluding major events like storm outages; and customer survey reporting requirements.

On August 13, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing on NSP's Reliability Performance Plan proposal, scheduling the hearing for September 25, 2012. The hearing was held as scheduled.

On October 12, 2012, NSP and PSC Advocacy Staff filed a Settlement Agreement which they assert resolves the contested issue regarding the establishment of an appropriate award threshold for NSP's reliability performance under the proposed Reliability Performance Plan, as measured by the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI).

The issue to be considered is whether the Settlement Agreement should be approved and adopted by the Commission. Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by 5:00 p.m., CST, on December 3, 2012.** The Commission may make a decision in these cases without hearing.

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For more information or a copy of Settlement Agreement, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), 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 the Commission.

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