

Memo

To: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
From: Sara Cardwell *SSC*
Date: January 10, 2017
Re: Northern States Power Company's Compliance Filing - Resource Treatment Framework (PU-12-813, *et al.*)

On December 31, 2016, Northern States Power Company filed its Resource Treatment Framework (RTF) Compliance Filing in accordance with the Commission's Order Approving Settlement issued on March 9, 2016 and the accompanying settlement dated February 22, 2016. In the order and settlement, the Company agreed to make this filing by the end of 2016.

On page 2 of the Settlement Agreement, it states:

"the Company binds itself to devise and implement a regulatory framework to: 1) address the impact of divergent state energy policy on NSP's customers; 2) increase the geographic diversity of NSP System generation while maintaining system reliability; and 3) provide monetary value to North Dakota customers in the event the Company is unable to make good on this Agreement.

The Parties intend this Agreement to provide a "bridge period" for the Company to propose and implement, in collaboration with the Commission and Staff, a long-term "Resource Treatment Framework," or RTF. This Agreement binds the Company to file an RTF proposal with the Commission no later than January 1, 2017"

Advocacy Staff has reviewed the compliance filing and believes it complies with the terms of the Commission's order, the Settlement Agreement and the Negotiated Agreement.

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