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--Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail--

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505



RE: COMPLIANCE FILING
NATURAL GAS INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE TARIFF MODIFICATIONS
CASE NO. PU-14 -626

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On November 20, 2014 the North Dakota Public Service Commission issued a Motion approving modifications to our gas interruptible service tariffs. These modifications go into effect January 1, 2015. Northern States Power Company provides the revised tariff sheets as follows:

North Dakota Gas Rate Book – NDPSC No. 2:

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| Sheet No. 5-3, revision 5 | Sheet No. 5-8, revision 5 |
| Sheet No. 5-4, revision 6 | Sheet No. 5-9, revision 5 |
| Sheet No. 5-5, revision 7 | Sheet No. 5-10.2, revision 3 |
| Sheet No. 5-6, revision 6 | |

Please contact me at paul.lehman@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-7529 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

PAUL J LEHMAN
MANAGER, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND FILINGS

Enclosures

SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE
RATE CODE 404

Section No. 5
5th Revised Sheet No. 3

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available on an interruptible basis to a commercial or industrial customer whose maximum hourly requirements are in excess of 10 Therms, whose maximum daily requirements are less than 2,000 Therms, and who will agree:

1. To curtail use of gas whenever requested by Company,
2. To provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities, and
3. To have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment of the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of a customer's gas usage is for processing or manufacturing, and curtailment would not be in violation of applicable codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Service shall be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed. Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by Company, such requests to be made as far in advance as possible.

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Under this rate, the customer is obligated to provide phone and/or electrical service that meets Company telemetry requirements. In the event the customer fails to do so, the Company will take action to ensure that natural gas usage data can be metered and transmitted accurately to the Company's billing system. The Company will either equip the customer with cellular meter reading technology (if service is available) or install a recording instrument that will be read manually each month by the Company using a laptop computer. The Customer will be charged for the costs of installation and monthly service. If neither option is available, the Company will move any interruptible customer meeting size requirements to Commercial Firm Service (which does not require telemetering).

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THERM ADJUSTMENT

Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

SUPERCOMPRESSIBILITY ADJUSTMENT

For customers served at 25 PSIG or greater, an adjustment factor or correction device shall be used to correct gas consumption measurements for supercompressibility.

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NORTH DAKOTA GAS RATE BOOK - NDPSC NO. 2

SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 404

Section No. 5
6th Revised Sheet No. 4

RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$75.00
Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.08800
Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

Wholesale natural gas costs fluctuate due to market conditions, pipeline delivery and storage cost changes, and seasonal demand variations. The Company's costs of purchasing delivered wholesale natural gas is determined each month as defined in the Cost of Gas Rider.

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR USE OF GAS DURING CURTAILMENT

If customer fails to curtail use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, customer shall pay in addition to the appropriate above rates, either an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its pipeline supplier under the terms of its town border contract as a result of such failure to curtail, or \$5.00 per Therm of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer is requested to curtail, whichever amount is greater. The payment of a penalty does not, under any circumstances, give the customer a contractual option to take unauthorized natural gas. Nor does such payment exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off the offending customer's supply of natural gas in the event they fail to curtail, interrupt, or restrict their use when notified by Company to do so.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

PRIORITY CLASSIFICATION

Priority 1 shall have first priority. Curtailment shall begin with Priority 8 and progress to Priority 1. Priority classifications are defined in the General Rules and Regulations.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

Service agreement shall be for a term of not less than one year. Upon expiration of term, agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 30 days' written notice by either party.

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LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE
RATE CODE 405

Section No. 5
7th Revised Sheet No. 5

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available on an interruptible basis to a commercial or industrial customer whose maximum hourly requirements are in excess of 10 Therms, whose maximum daily requirements are 2,000 Therms or more, and who will agree:

1. To curtail use of gas whenever requested by Company,
2. To provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities, and
3. To have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment of the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of a customer's gas usage is for processing or manufacturing, and curtailment would not be in violation of applicable codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Service shall be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed. Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by Company, such requests to be made as far in advance as possible.

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Under this rate, the customer is obligated to provide phone and/or electrical service that meets Company telemetry requirements. In the event the customer fails to do so, the Company will take action to ensure that natural gas usage data can be metered and transmitted accurately to the Company's billing system. The Company will either equip the customer with cellular meter reading technology (if service is available) or install a recording instrument that will be read manually each month by the Company using a laptop computer. The Customer will be charged for the costs of installation and monthly service. If neither option is available, the Company will move any interruptible customer meeting size requirements to Commercial Firm Service (which does not require telemetering).

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THERM ADJUSTMENT

Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

SUPERCOMPRESSIBILITY ADJUSTMENT

For customers served at 25 PSIG or greater, an adjustment factor or correction device shall be used to correct gas consumption measurements for supercompressibility.

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LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 405

Section No. 5
6th Revised Sheet No. 6

RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$275.00
Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.05120
Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

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Flexible Distribution Charge

Customers are normally served on the fixed rate but will be placed on the flexible rate if, for pricing reasons, the flexible rate is necessary to compete with a non-gas alternate energy supply/service. Company and customer will agree to a Distribution Charge within the range specified for Rate Code 407, Section 5, Sheet 8. Unless otherwise agreed, a five day notice of price change shall be provided. If Company and customer cannot agree to a flexible distribution charge and customer nonetheless uses gas, then customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible distribution charge.

DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

Wholesale natural gas costs fluctuate due to market conditions, pipeline delivery and storage cost changes, and seasonal demand variations. The Company's costs of purchasing delivered wholesale natural gas is determined each month as defined in the Cost of Gas Rider.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR USE OF GAS DURING CURTAILMENT

If customer fails to curtail use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, customer shall pay in addition to the appropriate above rates, either an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its pipeline supplier under the terms of its town border contract as a result of such failure to curtail, or \$5.00 per Therm of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer is requested to curtail, whichever amount is greater. The payment of a penalty does not, under any circumstances, give the customer a contractual option to take unauthorized natural gas. Nor does such payment exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off the offending customer's supply of natural gas in the event they fail to curtail, interrupt, or restrict their use when notified by Company to do so.

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MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

PRIORITY CLASSIFICATION

Priority 1 shall have first priority. Curtailment shall begin with Priority 8 and progress to Priority 1. Priority classifications are defined in the General Rules and Regulations.

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LARGE COMMERCIAL INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
RATE CODE 407

Section No. 5
5th Revised Sheet No. 8

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available on an interruptible basis to a customer who has made arrangements to have gas other than Company system supply delivered to a Company town border station, whose maximum daily requirements are more than 2,000 Therms, and who agrees:

1. To curtail use of gas within one hour after Company notification,
2. To provide and maintain suitable and adequate alternate fuel capable standby facilities, and
3. To have access to sufficient standby alternate fuel for periods of curtailment in the delivery of gas sold hereunder.

If a portion of a customer's gas usage is for processing or manufacturing, and curtailment would not be in violation of applicable codes, then requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply to that portion. If customer agrees to confine the use of natural gas for specified end uses under this rate to the months of April through October in any calendar year, requirements (2) and (3) above shall not apply. However, any use under this rate is still curtailable at Company's option.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Service shall be provided through a Company owned meter with telemetering or other automated meter reading capabilities installed. Delivery of gas hereunder shall be subject to curtailment whenever requested by Company. Company may, at its option, take title to transportation gas if necessary to arrange interstate pipeline transportation to Company town border station.

Under this rate, the customer is obligated to provide phone and/or electrical service that meets Company telemetry requirements. In the event the customer fails to do so, the Company will take action to ensure that natural gas usage data can be metered and transmitted accurately to the Company's billing system. The Company will either equip the customer with cellular meter reading technology (if service is available) or install a recording instrument that will be read manually each month by the Company using a laptop computer. The Customer will be charged for the costs of installation and monthly service. If neither option is available, the Company will move any interruptible customer meeting size requirements to Commercial Firm Service (which does not require telemetering).

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Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption i adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

SUPERCOMPRESSIBILITY ADJUSTMENT

For customers served at 25 PSIG or greater, an adjustment factor or correction device shall be used to correct gas consumption measurements for supercompressibility.

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RATE CODE 407

Section No. 5
 5th Revised Sheet No. 9

RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$300.00

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Distribution Charge per Therm	\$0.0060	\$0.05120

Unless otherwise agreed to between customer and Company, five days notice of price change shall be provided.

NEGOTIATED RATE PROVISION

In specific cases involving a commercial or industrial customer for whom physical bypass of the Company's gas distribution system is, in the judgment of Company, economically feasible and practical, Company may negotiate customer-specific transportation service contracts which prescribe rates lower than the stated tariff rates shown above. The terms and conditions related to such contracts are as follows:

1. Customer must provide Company with information documenting the availability of bypass and customer's intent to physically bypass the Company's facilities absent service hereunder.
2. Customer shall enter into a contract with Company specifying the nature of the service to be supplied, the rates to be paid, and such other Terms and Conditions of Service as are mutually agreeable but not contrary to any of the specific Terms and Conditions set forth on this tariff.
3. The contract term under this service classification shall be no less than one year. Unless otherwise agreed, upon expiration of term, the Agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 180 days written notice by either party.
4. The rates set forth herein apply only to the transportation of gas by Company. In addition, if Company agrees, customer may purchase gas from Company during any month at the Company's monthly gas demand (if applicable) cost and commodity rate filed under the Purchased Gas Adjustment. The applicable charge shall be based on the customer's class under which customer would take service as a retail customer of Company.

The rate contained in a negotiated service contract will be within the minimum rate of \$0.0022 per Therm and the maximum rate as stated in the interruptible transportation tariff. The rate and contract terms must be sufficient to recover all incremental variable costs that Company incurs to serve the customer plus a reasonable contribution towards fixed costs (at least 10% of the customer's rate). The specific charges for service shall include the operating and maintenance costs associated with all meters, main and service pipe required to serve the customer, all monthly or annual leak, odorant and regulator surveys related to the customer's service and all sales and billing time required to serve the customer's account. Customer will pay all costs related to any construction of new or expanded service. The specific charges for service under this classification shall be stated in the agreement executed with each customer served hereunder.

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RATE CODE 407

Section No. 5
3rd Revised Sheet No. 10.2

**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION**

If customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company due to customer's interruption of gas supply upstream from Company's distribution system, customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate above rates, the higher of (i) \$5.00 per Therm, or (ii) an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its pipeline supplier under the terms of its town border contract as a result of such failure to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict service. The payment of a penalty does not, under any circumstances, give the customer a contractual option to take unauthorized natural gas. Nor does such payment exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off the offending customer's supply of natural gas in the event they fail to curtail, interrupt, or restrict their use when notified by Company to do so.

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CURTAILMENT CONDITIONS

On days when customer has gas available for delivery at the town border station, curtailment may result from capacity limitations on Company's distribution system or other operational consideration.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

Service agreement shall be for a term of not less than one year. Upon expiration of term, agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 30 days written notice by either party.

COMPANY OBLIGATION TO SERVE

Upon termination of this service Company's obligation to provide service under any other rate schedule shall be consistent with the obligation to serve other new customers. Rules and regulations defining Company's obligation are set out in Section 6 of this rate book.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

The cost of any new facilities required to provide service under this rate shall be borne by the customer.

RECEIPT GAS QUALITY

The gas to be delivered to Company by customer shall be of merchantable quality and shall meet the minimum quality standards established by the interstate pipeline company serving the community in which customer is located. Company may refuse to accept delivery of gas that does not meet this quality standard.

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