

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recover (2016)
Rates

Case No. PU-15-684

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & ELECTRONIC MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **5th day of November, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Alison Archer
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Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4322

David Sederquist
Sr. Regulatory and Financial Consultant
Xcel Energy
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Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **5th day of November, 2015**, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

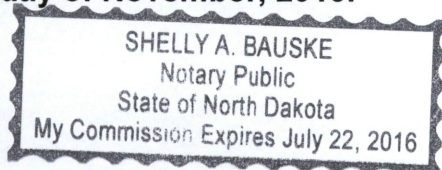
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

SaGonna Thompson
Regulatory Administrator
regulatory.records@excelenergy.com

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and electronic address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **5th day of November, 2015**.

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Geralyn R. Schmaltz
Shelly A. Bauske
Notary Public

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November 4, 2015

On February 26, 2014, the Public Service Commission issued an order approving a Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) tariff rider pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-04.3 for Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy (NSP). On October 1, 2015, NSP filed its 2016 TCR tariff requesting approval of cost recovery for specific projects and a resulting TCR rate of \$0.002332 per kWh. The average bill impact would be a decrease of \$0.13 per month for a typical residential customer without electric space heating using 750 kWh per month.

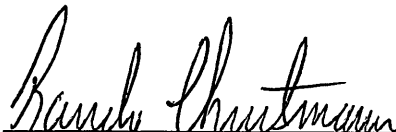
The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the proposed rate adjustment complies with NSP's tariff,
2. Whether the incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the TCR rider.


Those interested are invited to comment on the application 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 December 8, 2015.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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 the Commission 24 hours in advance.

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