

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
Customer Credit – DOE Settlement 2014 - 2016  
Application**

**Case No. PU-16-19**

**Northern States Power Company  
Earnings Sharing - 2017  
Rates**

**Case No. PU-18-200**

**ORDER**

**November 8, 2018**

**Preliminary Statement**

On December 8, 2017, in Case No. PU-16-19, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a petition to refund \$788,140 (not including interest earned less bank fees) as a credit on the customer bill, representing North Dakota's share of NSP's November 13, 2017 settlement payment from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) for DOE's failure to provide permanent storage of spent nuclear fuel.

On January 10, 2018, in Case No, PU-16-19, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until February 16, 2018 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received.

The Notice identified the issue to be considered in this matter is whether the proposed refund is just and reasonable.

On June 13, 2018, the Commission discussed the petition with NSP and Commission staff during an Informal Hearing.

On June 7, 2018, in Case No. PU-18-200, NSP filed a petition that included a request for approval to issue a one-time bill credit regarding excess 2017 earnings of \$2,983,461, in compliance with the Commission's decision in an earlier rate case, Case No. PU-12-813.

On July 9, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until August 20, 2018 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received.

The Notice identified the issue to be considered in this matter is whether the proposed refund is just and reasonable.

## Discussion

NSP's application in Case No. PU-16-19 to credit customers \$788,140, plus interest earned and less bank fees, is just and reasonable and should be approved.

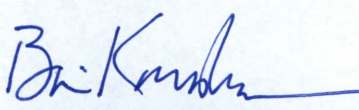
NSP's application to issue a one-time bill credit for excess 2017 earnings of \$2,983,461 is just and reasonable and should be approved.

## Order

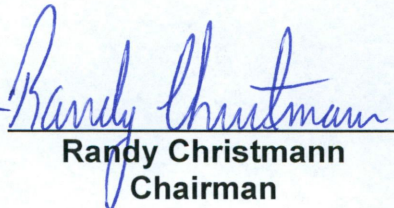
The Commission orders:

1. NSP's application in Case No. PU-16-19 to refund \$768,140 plus interest and less bank fees to customers for the partial settlement with DOE over the storage of nuclear fuel is APPROVED.
2. NSP's application in Case No. PU-18-200 to refund excess 2017 electric utility earnings of \$2,983,461 to customers is APPROVED.
3. NSP shall implement the refunds within 90 days in the form of a one-time bill credit based on each active customer's electric usage during the 2017 calendar year.
4. NSP shall file a compliance report within 30 days after completion of the credit providing a summary of the credit including interest credited, class allocations and the actual average customer credit per customer class.

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