

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

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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 **9th day of November, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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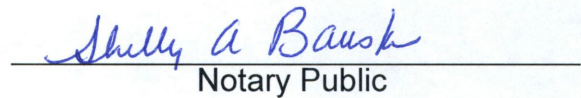
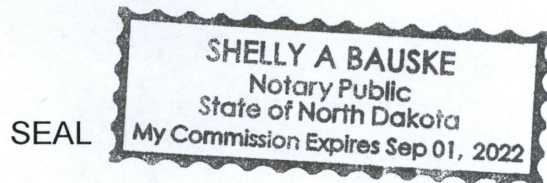
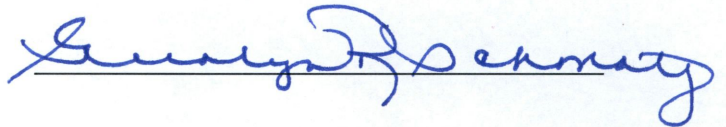
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the 9th day of November 2018, she electronically mailed one copy of the same.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 9th day of November, 2018.



Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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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.


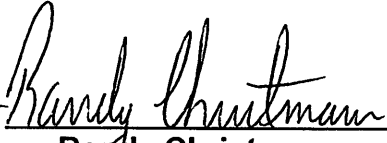

NSP's application to issue a one-time bill credit for excess 2017 earnings of \$2,983,461 is just and reasonable and should be approved.

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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