

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2018)  
Rates**

**Case No. PU-17-364**

**ORDER ON RENEWABLE RESOURCE COST RECOVERY RATES**

**December 20, 2017**

**Preliminary Statement**

On September 29, 2017, Northern States Power Company (NSP or Company) filed an application for approval of its 2018 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rider (RER Rider) rate.

On October 18, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. A deadline of December 6, 2017 was set for comments and requests for a hearing. No comments or requests were received.

This filing was NSP's third annual update to its RER Rider. The RER Rider was first approved by Commission order on February 26, 2014.

There are no new projects included in this filing. The RER Rider will continue to reflect the costs to North Dakota customers for North Dakota's share of the two Company owned wind projects in North Dakota, the Border Winds and Courtenay Projects.

The filing requests a decrease of \$1.4 million over the currently effective revenue requirement. The current rate is \$0.000898 per kilowatt-hour for all customer classes. The 2018 rate will be \$0.000285 per kilowatt-hour. For the average residential customer using 750 kilowatt-hours, the decrease will be \$0.46 per month, or \$0.21 as compared to the current billing of \$0.67.

The proposed rate complies with the tariff and the costs for the Border Winds and Courtenay Projects are reasonable and prudent.

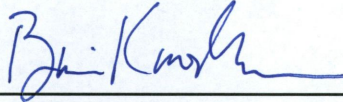
**Order**

The Commission orders:

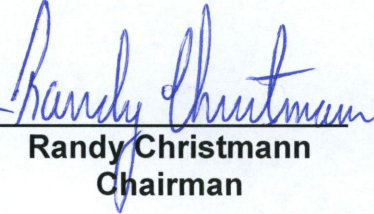
1. Northern States Power Company's request for a rate adjustment for its Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rider is approved.

2. The Company shall file its compliance tariff with an effective date of January 1, 2018.

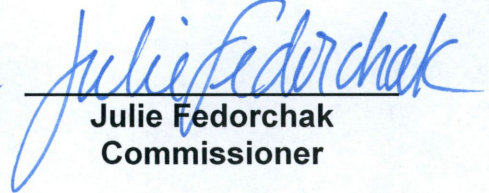
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