

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2018)  
Rates

Case No. PU-17-365

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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 **21st day of December, 2017**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing photocopy of:

- **Order on Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rates**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Amanda Rome  
Lead Assistant General Counsel  
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.  
414 Nicollet Mall - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
**Cert. No. 7017 1070 0000 1507 6729**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **21st day of December, 2017**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist  
Sr. Regulatory and Financial Consultant  
Northern States Power Company  
PO Box 2747  
Fargo, ND 58108-2747

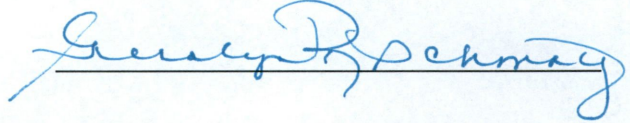
**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **21st day of December, 2017**, she electronically mailed **one** copy of the same.

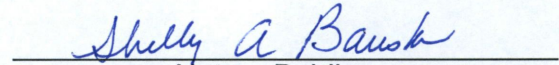
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

[regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com](mailto:regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com)

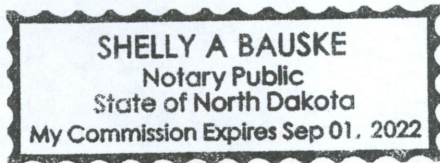
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing and electronic addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 21st day of December, 2017.

  
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Notary Public

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**ORDER ON TRANSMISSION FACILITY COST RECOVERY RATES**

**December 20, 2017**

**Preliminary Statement**

On October 2, 2017, Northern States Power Company (NSP or Company) filed an application for approval of its 2018 Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCR 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.

On November 29, 2017, the Commission held an informal hearing on NSP's request.

On December 5, 2017, the Company filed an update to its original filing to eliminate costs for three projects that were inappropriately included for 2017 and the double counting of costs in base rates and the rider for a third project. This lowered the rate slightly from the original filing.

This filing was NSP's fourth annual update to its TCR Rider. The TCR Rider was first approved by Commission order on February 26, 2014 pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-04.3.

The annual update includes five new transmission projects. The Company explained each of these projects and the reason for their addition in the informal hearing.

The original filing was for an approximate increase of \$200,000 over the currently effective rate. The December 5, 2017 filing reduces the change to \$130,205.

The current rate is \$0.003220 per kilowatt-hour for all customer classes. The 2018 rate will be \$0.003270 per kilowatt-hour. For the average residential customer using 750 kilowatt-hours, the increase will be \$0.03 per month, or \$2.45 as compared to the current billing of \$2.42.

The December 5, 2017 revised proposed rate adjustment complies with the tariff and the incurred costs for new and modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent.

**Order**

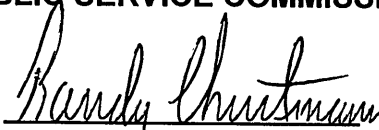
The Commission orders:

Northern States Power Company's request for a rate adjustment for its Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rider is approved effective January 1, 2018.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Brian Kroshus**  
Commissioner



**Randy Christmann**  
Chairman



**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner