

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2019)
Rates**

Case No. PU-18-368

ORDER

May 1, 2019

Preliminary Statement

On October 10, 2018, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a revision to its Renewable Energy Rider (RER) rate to recover the 2019 revenue requirements associated with renewable energy projects.

On November 8, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until December 20, 2018 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery,
2. Whether the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of NSP's tariff.

On November 27, 2018, NSP filed a correction revising its 2019 RER revenue requirements and the RER rate.

On February 6, 2019, the Commission discussed this matter with NSP during an Informal Hearing.

On February 15, 2019, NSP filed supplemental Information and a request to increase the RER rate in recognition of a shortened nine-month billing period effective April 1, 2019.

Discussion

The RER update includes four new projects that are expected to be in service during 2019.

NSP reports a nine-month April thru December 2019 RER revenue requirement of \$1,930,167, resulting in a RER rate of 0.1191 cents per kWh. The monthly billing impact

for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month would be an increase of approximately \$0.89.

Order

The Commission orders Northern States Power Company's Renewable Energy Rider rate of 0.1191 cents per kWh is APPROVED.

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