

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company
Petition/Accounting Treatment/Asset Sale
Approval**

Case No. PU-19-103

ORDER

August 21, 2019

Preliminary Statement

On March 15, 2019, Northern States Power Company (NSP) requested approval to use the North Dakota jurisdictional share of gains from the sale of two LP storage tanks, associated equipment and the real property upon which the facilities are located to partially offset the costs of remediating the site of a former manufactured gas plant (Case No. PU-15-514) in Fargo, North Dakota.

On May 29, 2019 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until July 8, 2019 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received.

On July 25, 2019, the Commission discussed this matter with representatives from NSP and Commission Advocacy Staff during an Informal Hearing.

Discussion

The Commission's May 29, 2019 Notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the North Dakota jurisdictional share of gains is just and reasonable.
2. Whether it is appropriate to offset costs for the Fargo manufactured gas plant with gains from the asset sale.

NSP estimates the North Dakota Jurisdictional share of total gain from the \$5.2 million asset sale to be approximately \$649,000 using a North Dakota jurisdictional natural gas distribution demand factor of 12.48%. The Commission finds the North Dakota jurisdictional share of gains is just and reasonable.

Commission Advocacy Staff supported the use of gains from the asset sale to partially offset the remediation of the Fargo manufactured gas plant. The Commission agrees and finds it is appropriate to offset costs for the Fargo manufactured gas plant with gains from the asset sale.

Order

The Commission Orders NSP's request to apply the North Dakota jurisdictional share of asset sale gains to partially offset costs of remediating the site of the former Fargo manufactured gas plant is APPROVED.

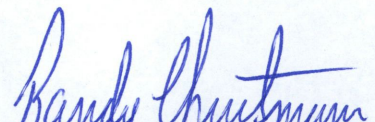
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