

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2020)  
Rates**

**Case No. PU-19-328**

**ORDER**

**February 19, 2020**

**Preliminary Statement**

On September 27, 2019, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for approval of its 2020 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider rate. The TCR Rider allows NSP to recover transmission capital and operating costs not presently reflected in base retail rates.

On November 21, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until January 3, 2020 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 new or modified electric transmission facilities 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 January 10, 2019, NSP filed a correction to its application, revising its 2020 TCR revenue requirements and the proposed TCR Rider rate accordingly.

On January 22, 2020, the Commission discussed this matter with NSP during an Informal Hearing.

On February 10, 2020, NSP filed supplemental Information and an adjustment to the proposed TCR Rider rate in response to the concerns raised during the January 22, 2020 informal hearing. NSP also provided two rate options for implementation on March 1, 2020, or April 1, 2020.

**Discussion**

This annual update adds six new or modified transmission projects that are not currently in previous TCR Rider rates or base rates.

NSP reports a March through December 2020 TCR Rider revenue requirement of \$6,043,038, resulting in a 2020 TCR Rider rate of 0.3322 cents per kWh. The monthly billing impact for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be an increase of approximately \$2.49.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds NSP's proposed 2020 TCR Rider rate is reasonable and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission issues its:

### Order

The Commission Orders Northern States Power Company's requested 2020 Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rider rate filed on February 10, 2020 is APPROVED for service rendered on or after March 1, 2020.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

		
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