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Executive Director
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Re: Northern States Power Company
2021 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-20-441

Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed for an electric rate increase on November 6, 2020. The Company used a 2021 projected test year to calculate its interim rate relief request of \$16.3 million in increased revenue collections or an overall increase in revenue collections of 7.92%. This equates to an average increase per month for residential customers of \$7.08.

On December 16, 2020, the Commission approved NSP's interim increase factor of 11.49%.

On March 15, 2021, NSP filed an Interim Rate Correction request due to an error in their calculation of fuel and purchased power costs for the test year. This correction reduces the interim relief request to \$13.3M and thereby reduces the interim increase factor to 9.36%. NSP has requested that they be permitted to implement the reduced interim rate by April 1, 2021.

Staff has reviewed the interim rate correction request, and believes it complies with the laws and rules governing interim rates. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the request no later than March 24, 2021 in order to ensure NSP is able to implement the reduced interim rate by April 1.

In summary, staff believes that NSP's interim rate correction request complies with the laws and rules and should be approved for use on or after April 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

Victor Schock
Public Service Commission
Advocacy Staff

c: David Sederquist

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Advocacy Staff recommendation to approve interim rate correction request

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