

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern State Power Company
2021 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-21-381

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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 **17th day of December 2021**, 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 a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Public Input Sessions**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

David Sederquist
Sr. Regulatory & Financial Consultant
Xcel Energy
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, ND 58102
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0000 1334 4369

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **17th day of December 2021**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addressees each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

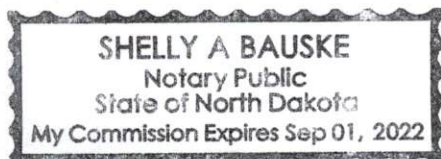
Dave Sederquist
Xcel Energy
dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com

Regulatory Records
Records Specialist
Regulatory.Records@xcelenergy.com

The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **17th of December 2021**.

SEAL



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geralyn R. Schmaltz", written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line.
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

December 15, 2021

Public Input Sessions on the application in the case enumerated above will be held on **February 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. central time** and **February 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. central time** in the **Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**.

On September 2, 2021, Northern States Power Company, dba Xcel Energy, (NSP) filed with the Commission an increase in rates for natural gas service. NSP's rate filing results in an increase in its annual North Dakota natural gas service revenue of \$7.1 million or 10.5 percent. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on October 20, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. What is the value of NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is NSP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on NSP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are NSP's rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

The public is encouraged to view the hearing electronically via <https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php> or listen telephonically via 1-888-585-9008 with room code 671-872-185.

Public input received by the Commission will be placed into the record for consideration. The Commission will receive testimony through the following methods:

- **Written** - Written public input may be submitted beginning on February 2, 2022, through February 9, 2022, through email via ndpsc@nd.gov or by mail addressed to:

Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

- **Telephonic** – The public may provide input over the phone by calling 701-328-4081 to be placed on a list. On February 2, 2022, the Commission will call you back to receive your input at the end of the hearing in an order determined by the Administrative Law Judge.

A public input session is not considered part of the technical hearing and the discussion at the session will not become part of the evidence reviewed by the Commission in making its decision. However, the discussion will aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern to members of the public and help customers better understand NSP's request.

Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding are encouraged to file a Petition to Intervene as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervener status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a **Petition to Intervene by February 9, 2022**. A Petition to Intervene does not need to be filed to participate in a Public Input Session.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Commissioner