

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2022)  
Rates**

**Case No. PU-21-389**

**ORDER**

**December 1, 2021**

**Preliminary Statement**

On September 21, 2021, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for approval of its 2022 Renewable Energy Rider (RER) rates. The purpose of the rider is to recover, from NSP North Dakota electric customers, costs of renewable energy generation not presently reflected in retail rates.

On October 6, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until November 20, 2021, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice provided that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

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

**Discussion**

The 2022 RER rate would be applied to all energy billed to each customer effective January 1, 2022. The 2022 RER rate includes the costs of two previously approved projects.

NSP reports a 2022 RER revenue requirement of \$3,971,059. The resulting RER rate would increase from \$0.000797 per kWh to \$0.001856 per kWh. As a result of the RER rate change, a residential electrical customer consuming 750 kWh per month would experience a bill increase of \$0.79 per month.

The Commission finds NSP's investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery, the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent, and the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of NSP's tariff.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds NSP's proposed 2022 RER rate and tariff changes are reasonable and should be approved.

**Order**

The Commission Orders NSP's 2022 RER rate is approved effective January 1, 2022.

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