STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Customer Credit – DOE Settlement 2020
Rates

Case No. PU-21-438

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

December 15, 2021

On November 26, 2021, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a petition for approval to refund to customers the 12th settlement payment (approximately $847,600) received October 27, 2021, arising from United States Department of Energy's inability to accept nuclear waste under the federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

NSP requests to either refund this payment back to customers as a separate line item on customers' bills by July 24, 2022, or alternatively, refund the payment back to customers as a credit to customers' fuel cost charge, effective 45 days after Commission approval. The separate line-item credit would require the Commission to authorize a 150-day extension of the February 24, 2022 deadline, as ordered in Case No. PU-21-89. The fuel cost credit would require a variance to the Commission's Fuel Adjustment Clause rules. NSP estimates the credit to be $3.75 per residential customer.

The issues to be determined in this matter are:

1. Is the 12th settlement payment refund just and reasonable?
2. What is the appropriate settlement refund mechanism and refund period?
3. Whether a 150-day extension of the February 24, 2022 deadline will be necessary.
4. Whether a variance of the Commission's Fuel Adjustment Clause rules will be necessary.

Comments and requests for a hearing must be received by January 14, 2022. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine these matters without a hearing.

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