

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern State Power Company  
Customer Credit – DOE Settlement 2020  
Application

Case No. PU-21-438

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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 Opportunity for Hearing**

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 4376

**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.

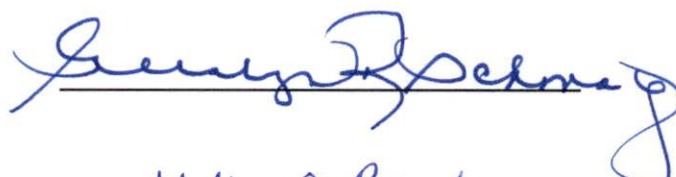
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist  
Xcel Energy  
[dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com](mailto:dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com)

Regulatory Records  
Records Specialist  
[Regulatory.Records@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Regulatory.Records@xcelenergy.com)

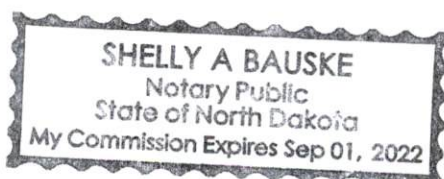
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

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



  
Notary Public

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**Rates**

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**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:

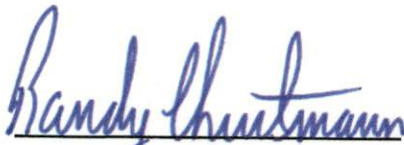
1. Is the 12th settlement payment refund just and reasonable?
2. What is the appropriate settlement refund mechanism and refund period?
3. Whether a 150-day extension of the February 24, 2022 deadline will be necessary.
4. Whether a variance of the Commission's Fuel Adjustment Clause rules will be necessary.

**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.

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

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Randy Christmann**  
Commissioner



**Julie Fedorchak**  
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**Brian Kroshus**  
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