

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Electric Franchise Fee Modifications
Tariff**

Case No. PU-22-47

ORDER

May 4, 2022

Preliminary Statement

On January 27, 2022, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for revisions to its City Fee Rider tariff to incorporate the changes approved by the cities of Grand Forks and Fargo, North Dakota providing for a Franchise Fee discount to large users of electricity, and to improve the readability of the tariff. The tariff revisions would not result in an increase or decrease in rates to North Dakota customers.

On February 23, 2022, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing until April 9, 2022, for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No response or request for hearing was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Whether the proposed tariff changes are reasonable?
2. Whether the tariff changes should be approved?

On April 19, 2022, the Commission discussed these matters with NSP and Commission staff during an informal hearing.

Discussion

During the April 19, 2022, informal hearing the following was offered and accepted into the official record.

NSP proposes the following tariff revisions:

1. Removal of city names from the top of the tariff page in order to incorporate them into the table that indicates which rate schedule the franchise fee is applicable to.
2. Identifies the fact that qualifying large volume customers receive a reduction to the franchise fee in the cities of Grand Forks and Fargo, North Dakota.
3. The remaining changes clean up the language of the tariff without making any changes to the tariff's applicability. The proposed changes improve the readability and clarity of the tariff.

Based on the record and having received no objections, the Commission finds NSP's proposed tariff revisions are reasonable and prudent.

Order

The Commission orders Northern States Power Company's proposed tariff revisions are APPROVED.

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