

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Electric Franchise Fee Modifications  
Tariff

Case No. PU-22-47

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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 **5th day of May 2022**, 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:

- **Order**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Dave Sederquist  
Senior Regulatory Consultant  
Xcel Energy  
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**Cert. No. 7021 2720 0001 0491 9256**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **5th day of May 2022**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

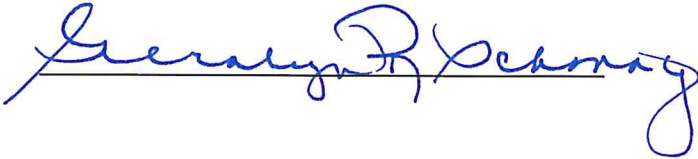
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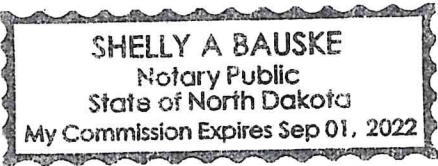
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The addresses shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **5th day of May 2022**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gerald R. Schomay", written over a horizontal line.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the words "Notary Public" are printed.

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**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.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Randy Christmann  
Commissioner

  
Julie Fedorchak  
Chair

  
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart  
Commissioner