

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Competitive Response Rider (CRR)
Tariff and Rates**

Case No. PU-22-185

ORDER

March 8, 2023

Preliminary Statement

On May 4, 2022, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a petition to implement a Competitive Response Rider (CRR). NSP states the intention of the CRR is to offer discounts on demand and/or energy charges for existing and prospective large commercial and industrial (C&I) electric customers. According to NSP, the CRR would help attract new C&I customers to North Dakota and help existing C&I customers more cost-effectively expand their businesses.

On May 25, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until July 6, 2022, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Are the proposed tariff revisions just and reasonable?
2. Do the proposed rates comply with the tariff?
3. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?

On July 6, 2022, the Commission discussed this matter with NSP and Commission Staff during an Informal Hearing.

On September 9, 2022, NSP filed a revision to its original petition.

On February 1, 2023, NSP filed a second revised petition.

Discussion

The CRR would provide a mechanism for NSP to offer discounted rates to large North Dakota C&I electric customers. The proposed second revised petition would provide a framework to recover at least the incremental cost of providing electric service

to such customers through electric service agreements (ESA) that must be approved by the Commission.

The rates set using the CRR could be offered to any existing C&I customer with a minimum load of 2 MW and the ability to obtain electricity supply from an alternate supplier, or any prospective C&I customer with a projected minimum load of 10 MW with the ability to locate its facilities outside NSP's service territory. The rates would be effective for at least one year and no longer than five years.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds NSP's tariff and rates for its Competitive Response Rider is just, reasonable, in compliance with the tariff and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission issues its:

Order

The Commission orders Northern States Power Company's Competitive Response Rider revised tariff filed on February 1, 2023, is APPROVED.

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