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Fargo, ND 54802

December 22, 2022

– VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL –

Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission, Dept. 408
State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58504-0480

RE: MONTHLY BILLING TARIFF MODIFICATION
CASE NO. PU-22-_____

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed original and seven copies of the application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for approval of the Monthly Billing Tariff Modifications to the Company's Electric and Gas Rate Books.

We request this Tariff modification to align with the Company's inclusion of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a Company holiday beginning in 2023.

An electronic copy of this filing is also being sent to you for your convenience. Please contact me at alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

ALEX NISBET
REGULATORY POLICY SPECIALIST

c: Victor Schock

Enclosures

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Julie Fedorchak
Randy Christmann
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart

Chair
Commissioner
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLING
TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

CASE NO. PU-22-___

PETITION

APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

I. INTRODUCTION

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed original and seven copies of the application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for approval of the Monthly Billing Tariff Modifications to the Company's Electric and Gas Rate Books.

We submit this application pursuant to N.D.C.C. Sections N.D.C.C. Section 49-05-05, which allows a utility to make changes to its tariffs upon 30 days' notice to the Commission.

Beginning in 2023, the Company is adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a company holiday. This change required the Company to revise the Meter Reading schedule to account for the company holiday beginning in 2023. This schedule revision will result in certain billing cycles in February having 35 days between meter reading dates. The Company's tariff currently lists November, December and January as the months in which an extended billing cycle may occur (due to other holidays). The Company proposes a technical revision to the Monthly Billing section of both our Electric and Gas Rate Book tariffs to include February in the months that are granted a billing period extension. In the course of preparing this filing, we also discovered that the Monthly Billing provision in our natural gas tariff did not match the language in our electric tariff. Accordingly, we have made additional conforming changes to this particular section of the natural gas tariff so that it aligns with the electric tariff.

II. FILING INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 69-02-02-04 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the following information is provided:

A. Contact information for utility making the filing

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Fargo, ND 58108-2747
(701) 241-8632
alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com

We request that all communications regarding this proceeding, including data requests, also be directed to:

Christine Schwartz
Regulatory Administrator
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 7th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com

B. Date of filing and proposed effective date

The date of this filing is December 22, 2022. The Company proposes the modification to the Company's Electric and Gas Rate Books be effective January 25, 2023.

C. Statutory Authority

N.D.C.C. Section 49-05-05 allows a utility to make changes to its tariffs upon 30 days' notice to the Commission.

D. Articles of Incorporation

Pursuant to Section 69-02-02-04 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, a certified copy of Xcel Energy's Articles of Incorporation is on file with the Commission, as is an original Certificate of Good Standing.

III. TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

As explained above, the Company is adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a company holiday beginning in 2023. In doing so, the Company requests approval a tariff modification to both our Electric and Gas Rate Books to include February in the months that are granted a billing period extension.

North Dakota Electric Rate Book – NDPSC No. 2

Sheet No. 6-16, revision 1

We provide the redlined and clean Electric tariff sheets as Attachment A to this filing

North Dakota Gas Rate Book – NDPSC No. 2

Sheet No. 6-10, revision 1

We provide the redlined and clean Gas tariff sheets as Attachment B to this filing

CONCLUSION

Xcel Energy respectfully requests that the Commission approve the tariff modification in order to add February to the months that are granted a billing period extension.

Dated: December 22, 2022

Northern States Power Company

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3.2 METHOD OF DETERMINING DEMAND FOR BILLING PURPOSES

The actual demand in kW is defined as the greatest 15-minute average load during the billing period. For determining the adjusted demand, the actual demand may require application of the average power factor, which is defined as the quotient obtained by dividing the kilowatt-hours used during the month by the square root of the sum of the squares of the kilowatt-hours used and the lagging reactive kilovolt-ampere-hours supplied during the same period. Any leading kilovolt-ampere-hours supplied during the period will not be considered in determining the average power factor. The demand for billing shall be determined as shown in the respective rate schedule.

3.3 MONTHLY BILLING

Bills will normally be rendered monthly and may be paid by mail, or electronic or phone options, or to its duly authorized agents during regular business hours. A "month", as used for billing purposes, does not mean a calendar month, but means the interval between two consecutive periodic meter reading dates which are, as nearly as practicable, at 30 day intervals. The Company may read certain meters less frequently than once each billing month for customers under the Company's self meter reading procedure, or when the Company and customers otherwise mutually agree, except that a Company representative will read the meter at least once each three (3) months. If the billing period is longer or shorter than the normal billing period by more than five days, the bill shall be prorated on a daily basis except for the November, December, ~~and~~ January, and February billing periods whereby the bill shall be prorated on a daily basis whenever the billing period is less than 25 days or more than 40 days.

3.4 AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

Qualified customers may, at their request, be billed under the Company's Average Monthly Payment (AMP) plan. Such plan shall generally levelize a customer's monthly payments based on their historical use. The Company will initially establish the customer's AMP payment and subsequently review the monthly amount at least once per year to ascertain its reasonableness compared to the customer's projected annual bill using current rates. The monthly AMP payment will be adjusted up or down such that the customer's annual payments closely approximate what their annual costs would be under tariffed rates. The billing for any true-up month will reflect the actual billing for the month adjusted for the credit or debit balance carried forward from the previous month.

3.5 LATE-PAYMENT CHARGE

A late-payment charge of 1.0% of the unpaid balance will be added to the unpaid balance two working days after the date due. Customers under the Average Monthly Payment Plan or a payment arrangement will be assessed a late payment charge on the lesser of the outstanding scheduled payments or the outstanding account balance. All payments received will be credited against the oldest outstanding total account balance before application of the late payment charge. The late payment charge will be waived in instances where a Company error is involved or where complications arise with financial institutions in processing automatic electronic payments.

Date Filed: ~~03-26-21~~¹²⁻²²⁻²²

By: Christopher B. Clark

Effective Date: ~~10-01-21~~

President, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation

Case No. ~~PU-20-44122-~~

Order Date: ~~08-18-21~~

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

Section No. 6
~~Original~~^{1st} Revised Sheet No. 10
 Relocated from NDPSC No. 1 Sheet No. G 28 &
 G 28.1

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Qualified customers may, at their request, be billed under the Company's budget helper plan. The plan will provide for 11 equal monthly payments based on the customer's previous use. The billing for the twelfth month will reflect the actual billing for that month adjusted for the credit or debit balance carried forward from the previous month. The Company will review the account during the budget year to ascertain the reasonableness of the budget amount under current rates or conditions of use of service, and the monthly payment may be adjusted accordingly.

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Assessment Date</u>
Interruptible	Four working days after date due
All Other Classes	Next scheduled billing date (four working days after date due)

(Continued on Sheet No. 6-11)

Date Filed: ~~8-21-96~~¹²⁻²²⁻
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 By: ~~Kenneth J. Zagzebski~~^{Christopher B. Clark}
 Effective Date: ~~9-1-96~~
~~General Manager & Chief Executive~~^{President, of Northern State Power Company, a Minnesota corporation}
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