

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Fedorchak

From: Adam Renfandt, Public Utility Analyst



Date: September 29, 2023

Re: Northern States Power Company, Franchise Fee - City of Fargo - Gas, Application, Case No. PU-23-297

On August 30, 2023, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a changed to its rates to reflect an updated natural gas franchise fee for the city of Fargo, ND. The franchise fee for non-large customers of natural gas increased from 2% of gross revenues to 4%.

I recommend the Commission allow the rates to take effect after 30 days without a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the following reasons, (1) the increase is governmentally imposed, (2) NSP remits 100% of the fee to the city of Fargo, (3) NSP has changed its tariff to properly reflect the increase in the rates, and (4) the Commission has had the requisite 30 days' notice of the rate change.