

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern State Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2024)  
Rates

Case No. PU-23-312

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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 **14th day of December 2023** 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:

Christine Schwartz  
Regulatory Administrator  
Xcel Energy  
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 1582 7554 46**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **14th day of December 2023**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Records  
Xcel Energy  
[regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com](mailto:regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com)

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Xcel Energy  
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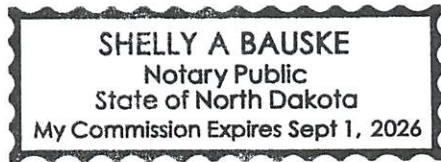
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **14th day of December 2023**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terilyn D. Schmag", written over a horizontal line.

SEAL



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

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**December 13, 2023**

**Preliminary Statement**

On September 20, 2023, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a request for approval of its 2024 Renewable Energy Rider (RER). The purpose of this rider is to recover, from NSP North Dakota electric customers, costs of renewable energy generation not presently reflected in retail rates. In this filing, NSP would recover costs of four previously approved projects.

On October 24, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until December 8, 2023, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice provided that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery,
2. Whether the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent,
3. Whether the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of NSP's tariff,

**Discussion**

The 2024 RER rate would be applied to all energy billed to each customer effective January 1, 2024. The 2024 RER would recover the costs of previously approved projects, Freeborn Wind and Dakota Range I & II as well as two previously approved repower projects, Nobles Wind and Grand Meadows.

Freeborn Wind was approved in Case No. PU-19-329 and is estimated at \$1,848,658, a decrease of \$61,671 from 2023. Dakota Range was approved in Case No. PU-21-389 and is estimated at \$1,842,784, a decrease of \$167,464 from 2023. Nobles Wind Repower is estimated at \$784,551, a decrease of \$134,372 from 2023. Grand Meadows Wind Repower is estimated at \$593,637, an increase of \$63,217. The decreases are due mostly to the reduction in the average rate base of each facility. The

exception is Grand Meadows which had an increase in the average rate base as a result of being placed into service in early 2023.

NSP proposes a current year revenue requirement of \$5,183,779, which combined with the previous year's over-collection of \$677,543 results in a total 2024 RER of \$4,506,236. The 2024 RER rate is calculated to be \$0.002062 resulting in a residential customer using 750 kWh to experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.37.

The Commission finds NSP's investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery, the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent, and the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of NSP's tariff.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds NSP's proposed 2024 RER rate and tariff changes is reasonable and should be approved.

### Order

The Commission orders NSP's 2024 Renewable Energy Rider rates filed on September 20, 2023, are approved for service rendered on or after January 1, 2024.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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Commissioner

  
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Chair

  
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