

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2024)  
Rates

Case No. PU-23-315

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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 0642 4073 01**

**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:

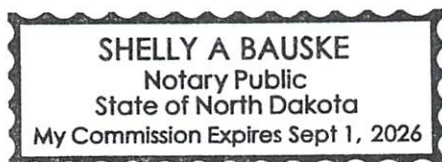
Regulatory Records  
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mailing address.

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

  
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Notary Public

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**December 13, 2023**

**Preliminary Statement**

On September 27, 2023, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for approval of its 2024 Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR) rate. The TCRR allows NSP to recover transmission capital and operating costs not presently reflected in base retail rates.

On October 11, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until November 22, 2023, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the proposed rate adjustment complies with NSP's tariff,
2. Whether the incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the TCRR.

On November 22, 2023, the Commission discussed this matter with NSP during an Informal Hearing.

**Discussion**

This annual update includes the Rogers Lake 115kV bus expansion (transmission reliability project) and a congestion capacity increase project that are not currently in TCRR rates or base rates totaling a \$57,184 revenue requirement for 2024.

NSP proposes a 2024 TCRR revenue requirement totaling \$3,143,952, resulting in a 2024 TCRR rate of \$0.001442 per kWh for service rendered on or after January 1, 2024. This change results in a monthly billing increase for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month of approximately \$0.43 over the existing TCRR rate.

The proposed rate adjustment complies with the terms of NSP's tariff.

The incurred costs for new and modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent.

The investments and associated costs for the new and modified electric transmission facilities qualify for recovery through the TCRR.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds NSP's 2024 TCRR rate is reasonable and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission issues its:

**Order**

The Commission Orders Northern States Power Company's 2024 Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rider rate filed on September 27, 2023, is APPROVED for service rendered on or after January 1, 2024.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Sheri Haugen-Hoffart**  
Commissioner

  
**Randy Christmann**  
Chair

  
**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner