

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
2024 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-23-367

ORDER ON INTERIM RATES

February 21, 2024

Preliminary Statement

On December 29, 2023, Northern States Power Company (NSP), filed with the Commission an increase in rates for natural gas service.

On December 29, 2023, NSP also filed an interim rate increase for natural gas service.

On February 12, 2024, Commission Advocacy Staff filed comments regarding NSP's proposed interim rate increase.

Discussion

NSP's December 29, 2023, filing set forth a rate increase based on revenue requirements for a projected 2024 test year. The rate change would result in an increase in annual revenue for the 2024 test year of \$8,463,000, or a 9.40% increase in annual revenue.

A company filing for a rate increase is entitled to an interim rate increase under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 49-05-06(2). The interim rate increase must meet certain criteria including: the same rate of return on common equity authorized by the Commission in the public utility's most recent rate proceeding; rate base and expense items the same in nature and kind allowed by the Commission in its most recent rate proceeding and; no change in the existing rate design.

Advocacy Staff states that NSP's interim increase complies with NDCC Section 49-05-06(2) and should be approved for service rendered on or after March 1, 2024.

The Commission finds that NSP's interim increase complies with NDCC Section 49-05-06(2).

In the event the interim rate amounts collected by NSP are more than final rates approved by the Commission, NSP is required to refund the excess under North Dakota

Century Code section 49-05-06(4), including interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The request of Northern States Power Company, for interim rates to increase annual revenue collections by \$ 7,889,000 as filed on December 29, 2023, is approved.
2. Interim rates are effective for service rendered on or after March 1, 2024.

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