

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Fedorchak

From: Chris Hanson, Public Utility Analyst
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Date: June 28, 2024

Re: Northern States Power Company, Franchise Fee - City of West Fargo - Gas, Application, Case No. PU-24-174

On May 1, 2024, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a change to its rates to reflect the updated natural gas franchise fee for the City of West Fargo effective July 1, 2024. The franchise fee for all 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 West 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.