

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
AMI Self-Reading Tariff Modifications
Tariff

Case No. PU-24-180

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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 **24th day of July 2024**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Lauren Steinhäuser
Assistant General Counsel
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.
401 Nicollet Mall – 401, 8th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No.

Christine Schwartz
Regulatory Administrator
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 7th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No.

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **24th day of July 2024**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addresses, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

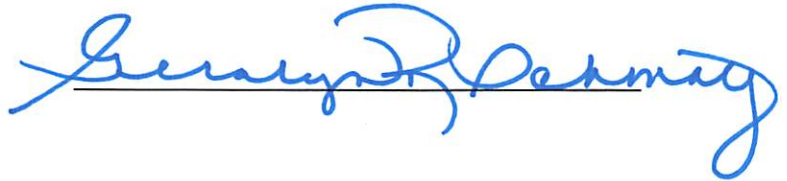
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Records
Xcel Energy
regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com

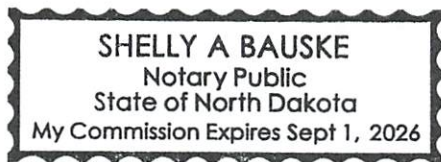
Alex Nisbet
Northern States Power Company
alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **24th day of July 2024**.



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



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

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July 23, 2024

Preliminary Statement

On May 3, 2024, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for approval to modify language in North Dakota Electric Rate Book Section 6, Sheets 16 and 17 related to customers' self-reading electric meters.

On May 23, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice), which provided until July 5, 2024, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response or request for hearing was received.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the proposed tariff changes are reasonable, and
2. Whether the tariff changes should be approved.

Discussion

NSP is deploying its new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters, which are expected to be fully deployed by the end of 2025. Based on the design of the meters, NSP states it is not possible for customers to self-read their meters due to the configuration and capabilities of the new meters. This filing addresses the tariff language to reflect a customers' inability to self-read their meters.

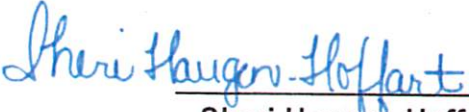
NSP also states that this change will not affect a customer's ability to opt out of an AMI meter. In those cases, a technician with specialized meter-reading equipment will manually read those customers' meters.

The Commission finds NSP's proposed tariff revisions are reasonable and prudent.

Order

The Commission Orders Northern States Power Company's proposed tariff revisions are APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner