

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Accounting for a Gas Pipeline Interim Rate Refund
Approval

Case No. PU-24-187

ORDER

September 11, 2024

Preliminary Statement

On May 8, 2024, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a request for a waiver of its cost of gas tariff in order to apply the North Dakota jurisdictional allocation of a refund from Northern Natural Gas Company (NNGC) to partially offset the deferred costs of remediating the Fargo manufactured gas plant site. The refund is the result of an interim rate refund relative to pipeline transportation rates paid by NSP.

On June 5, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice), which provided until July 19, 2024, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received.

Discussion

The Commission's June 5, 2024, Notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the proposed credit is just and reasonable.
2. Whether it is appropriate to grant a waiver of the Commission's rules under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-09-01-30, Automatic Adjustment Clauses, for the stated purpose.

NSP estimates the North Dakota jurisdictional share of the total refund of \$4.3 million to be approximately \$550,000 using a North Dakota jurisdictional natural gas design day allocator of 12.79%. The Commission finds the North Dakota jurisdictional share of the refund is just and reasonable.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. Northern States Power Company's request to apply the North Dakota jurisdictional share of the refund to partially offset costs of remediating the site of the former Fargo manufactured gas plant is APPROVED.
2. Northern States Power Company's request for a waiver of its tariff and North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-09-01-30 is GRANTED.

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