

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

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 **12th day of September 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:

Ian M. Dobson  
Lead Assistant General Counsel  
Xcel Energy Services, Inc.  
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 8th Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 1582 7552 12**

Christine Schwartz  
Regulatory Administrator  
Xcel Energy  
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 1582 7557 29**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **12th day of September 2024**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addresses, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

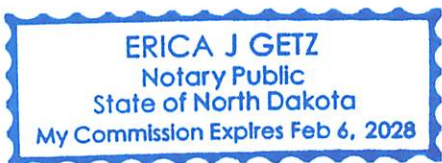
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Records  
Xcel Energy  
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Alex Nisbet  
Northern States Power Company  
[alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com](mailto: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 **12th day of September 2024**.



Notary Public

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**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.

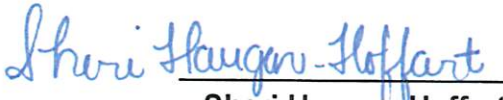
NSP estimates the North Dakota jurisdictional share of the total refund of \$4.3 million to be approximately \$550,000 using a North Dakota jurisdictional natural gas design day allocator of 12.79%. The Commission finds the North Dakota jurisdictional share of the refund is just and reasonable.

**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.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Sheri Haugen-Hoffart**  
Commissioner



**Randy Christmann**  
Chair



**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner