

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2026)
Rates**

Case No. PU-25-248

ORDER

December 17, 2025

Preliminary Statement

On September 10, 2025, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a request for approval of its 2026 Renewable Energy Rider (RER). The RER recovers from NSP North Dakota electric customers the costs of renewable energy generation not presently reflected in retail rates. In the filing, NSP would recover costs of six previously approved projects.

On September 24, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until November 7, 2025, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. The notice provided that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing. No comments were received.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery?
2. Whether the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent?
3. Whether the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of NSP's Tariff?

Discussion

The 2026 RER rate would be applied to all energy billed to each customer effective January 1, 2026. The 2026 RER rate would recover the costs of six previously approved projects: Freeborn Wind, Dakota Range I & II, Nobles Wind Repower, Grand Meadows Repower, Border Winds Repower, and Pleasant Valley Repower. Upon completion of the December 2024 electric rate case, Case No. PU-24-376, all projects except Border Winds Repower and Pleasant Valley Repower will be moved to base rates for recovery and a final true-up process will occur.

NSP proposes a current year revenue requirement of \$5,210,625, an increase of \$848,922 from the 2025 revenue requirement. There are no significant project changes or cost variances associated with the forecasts of the revenue requirement for any of the capital projects since the last annual filing. The revenue requirement reflects a true-up from last year of \$560,212 due to over-collection.

Freeborn is estimated at \$1,654,544, a decrease of \$24,276 from 2025. Dakota Range is estimated at \$1,468,506, a decrease of \$65,381 from 2025. Nobles Repower is estimated at \$652,404, a decrease of \$83,798 from 2025. Grand Meadows Repower is estimated at \$399,565, a decrease of \$76,631 from 2025. Pleasant Valley Repower is estimated at \$835,468, an increase of \$694,231 from 2025. Border Winds Repower is estimated at \$1,020,266, an increase of \$853,818 from 2025.

The 2026 RER rate would be applied to all energy billed to each customer effective January 1, 2026. The RER rate would increase from \$0.002042 per kWh to \$0.002437 per kWh. As a result of the RER rate change, a residential electrical customer consuming 750 kWh would experience a bill increase of \$0.30 per month or a total monthly charge of \$1.83.

The Commission finds NSP's investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery, the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent, and the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of NSP's tariff.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds NSP's proposed 2026 RER rate and tariff is reasonable and should be approved.

Order

The Commission orders Northern States Power Company's Renewable Energy Rider Rates filed on September 10, 2025, are approved effective January 1, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner



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