

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2026)
Rates**

Case No. PU-25-257

ORDER

November 19, 2025

Preliminary Statement

On September 19, 2025, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an annual rate update under its Transmission Cost Rider (TCR) tariff.

On October 9, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until November 18, 2025, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice provided that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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

1. Whether the proposed rate adjustment complies with NSP's tariff,
2. Whether the incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the TCR.

Discussion

NSP included two new projects in the TCR relating to congestion relief and voltage support and two additional projects related to a substation and transformers and feeders. NSP also updated costs to previously approved projects and regional transmission organization revenues and charges.

The 2026 revenue requirement increased by approximately \$3.8M. Approximately \$700k of this increase was driven by NSP's Major Line Rebuilds with \$300k of additional revenue requirement driven by the Communications Network Program. Approximately \$400k of the increase was driven by NSP's four LRTP Tranche 1 projects. The increase reflects how project construction has recently begun. Additional MISO Schedule 26/26a

charges drove an \$800k increase and the true-up drove an additional \$700k increase. The remaining increases were spread out among the other projects.

NSP proposes a 2026 TCR rate of \$0.003913 per kWh (.3913 cents per kWh) for residential customers and a total revenue requirement of \$8,608,417. It is to be collected over the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

The change results in a billing increase for a residential customer using 750 kWh per month of \$1.26 over the existing TCR rate.

The proposed rate adjustment complies with NSP's tariff.

The costs incurred for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent.

The costs incurred are eligible for recovery through the TCR.

Order

The Commission orders NSP's 2026 TCR rate filed on September 19, 2025, is approved for rates effective January 1, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Jill Kringstad
Commissioner