

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company  
2026 Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application**

**Case No. PU-26-52**

**ORDER ON INTERIM RATES**

**March 18, 2026**

**Preliminary Statement**

On January 30, 2026, Northern States Power Company (NSP), filed with the Commission an increase in rates for natural gas service.

On January 30, 2026, NSP also filed an interim rate increase for natural gas service.

On March 6, 2026, Commission Advocacy Staff filed comments regarding NSP's proposed interim rate increase.

**Discussion**

NSP's January 30, 2026, filing set forth a rate increase based on revenue requirements for a projected 2026 test year. The rate change would result in an increase in annual revenue for the 2026 test year of \$13,761,427, or an 11.93% increase in annual revenue.

A company filing for a rate increase is entitled to an interim rate increase under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 49-05-06(2). The interim rate increase must meet certain criteria including: the same rate of return on common equity authorized by the Commission in the public utility's most recent rate proceeding; rate base and expense items the same in nature and kind allowed by the Commission in its most recent rate proceeding; and no change in the existing rate design.

Advocacy Staff states that NSP's interim increase complies with NDCC Section 49-05-06(2) and should be approved for service rendered on or after April 1, 2026.

The Commission finds that NSP's interim increase complies with NDCC Section 49-05-06(2).

In the event the interim rate amounts collected by NSP are more than final rates approved by the Commission, NSP is required to refund the excess under North Dakota

Century Code section 49-05-06(4), including interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

**Order**

The Commission Orders:

1. The request of Northern States Power Company, for interim rates to increase annual revenue collections by \$12,301,376 as filed on January 30, 2026, is approved.
2. Interim rates are effective for service rendered on or after April 1, 2026.

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