

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern State Power Company
2026 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-26-52

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 **19th day of March 2026**, 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 on Interim Rates**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Zeviel Simpser
Lead Counsel
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Minneapolis, MN 55402
Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2433 73

Christine Marquis
Regulatory Administrator
Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mail, 401-7th Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2433 80

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of March 2026**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addresses, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

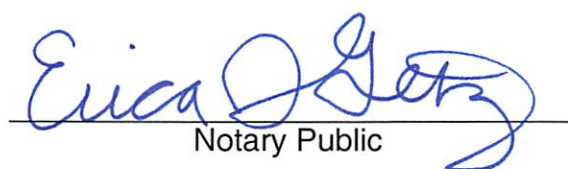
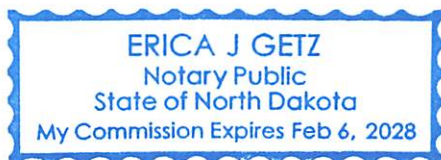
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Records
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Alex Nisbet
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of March 2026**.



Notary Public

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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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