

**MODIFIED & NEW DECISION OPTIONS**  
**Proposed by Commissioner Ham**  
**June 18, 2026**

**DOCKET NUMBER** 24-320

**ANALYST** Robert Manning

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**TITLE** Ham Modified 1006, 1024, 2001; Ham New 3006

**ATTACHMENT** No

**SUBJECT** In the Matter of the Application by Northern States Power Co. D/B/A Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase Rates in the State of Minnesota.

**Prepaid Pension and Accrued Liabilities**

**Ham Modified 1006**

Deny Xcel's request to earn a return on the prepaid pension asset.

- A. Deny the specific prepaid pension asset amount proposed by Xcel for inclusion in the rate base.
- B. Authorize Xcel to establish a tracking account and perform an annual true-up based on the difference between the approved test-year amount and actual pension contributions, effective January 1, 2027.

**Time-of-Use Rate Implementation Costs**

**Ham Modified Xcel 1024**

Disallow Rate Comparison Tool costs ~~\$0.2 million for the 2025 Test Year, and \$1.2 million for 2026 Plan Year.~~

- A. Implement deferred accounting of TOU-rate implementation costs in the current rate case, rather than petition for such treatment in a separate docket.

## **Cost of Capital**

### **Ham Modified 2001**

Modify Xcel proposed Capital Structure:

- A. Approve a common equity ratio of 50% and adjust debt ratios proportionally, consistent with Xcel's proposal.

OR

- B. Approve a common equity ratio of 48% and adjust debt ratios proportionally, consistent with Xcel's proposal.

OR

- C. Approve the capital structure proposed by Xcel, conditioned upon the following:
  - a. Xcel shall include details in its future annual SEC filings demonstrating that holding company debt is not utilized to fund equity injections into its regulated operating companies across all jurisdictions.
  - b. Xcel shall file detailed supporting documentation with its next rate case filing.

## **Sales Forecast**

### **Ham New 3006**

Require Xcel to work with the Department on issues raised by Sachin Shah's Direct Testimony before its next rate case filing.