

The Commission met on **Thursday, March 16, 2023**, with Chair Sieben and Commissioners Means, Schuerger, and Tuma present.

The following matters were taken up by the Commission:

**G-002/M-21-765**

**In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company, for Approval of a Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider True-up Report for 2020, Updated Costs for 2021, Revenue Requirements for 2022, and Revised Adjustment Factors**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission do the following:

1. Approve the proposed revenue requirement and adjustment factors for the 2022 Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost (GUIC) Rider as filed by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy with the adjustments set forth in Xcel Energy's June 13, 2022 reply comments, except as modified herein.
2. Accept Xcel Energy's GUIC Rider True-up Report.
3. Approve the proposed Distribution Pipeline Inspection and Replacement project budget as adjusted in Xcel Energy's June 13, 2022 reply comments, designed to comply with the Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) rule as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).
4. Approve Xcel Energy's proposed Transmission Integrity Management Program budget.
5. Require Xcel Energy to continue to assign class revenue responsibilities for GUIC Rider costs based on the apportionment established in the Company's most recent approved rate case in Docket No. G-002/GR-09-1153, *In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, for Authority to Increase Rates for Gas Service in Minnesota*.
6. Approve Xcel Energy's request to use the most recent 12 months of actual natural gas sales to allocate the costs across jurisdictions and classes

7. Xcel Energy to update the base rate recovery offset inputs to the 2022 rider revenue requirement once actual 2021 and 2022 retirements are known, and direct Xcel Energy to include the corresponding support schedules for the offset amount for each cost category.
8. Approve Xcel Energy's Internal Capitalized Costs.
9. Approve Xcel Energy's Performance Metrics.
10. Require Xcel Energy to make a compliance filing within ten days of the date of the order showing the final rate adjustment factors, and all related tariff changes.
11. Require Xcel Energy to include electronic files of its revenue requirements schedules, with formulae intact, in its final compliance filing.
12. Delegate approval of the compliance filings to the Executive Secretary.

The motion passed 4–0.

#### **E-002/M-19-568**

#### **In the Matter of the Amended and Restated Elk Creek Solar Energy Purchase Agreement**

Chair Sieben moved that the Commission:

1. Approve the proposed replacement PPAs with the following requirements:
  - a. Xcel cannot recover the costs of unsubscribed portions of the Renewable\*Connect resources through the fuel clause adjustment without Commission approval in the fuel clause adjustment proceeding.
  - b. No party may transfer the proposed replacement PPAs without the consent of the Commission if that transfer would cause any material change to the terms and conditions of the existing agreement.
  - c. Xcel may not purchase the replacement PPA facilities or equity ownership interest in Seller without the consent of the Commission.
  - d. Upon exercising its option to purchase the facility or all equity ownership interest in Seller, Xcel shall file with the Commission its plan to recover the costs of purchasing the facility or equity ownership interest in Seller.

2. Allow Xcel Energy to recover the costs for the replacement projects and interim replacement energy, renewable energy credits, and capacity from Renewable\*Connect customers, subject to review of the prudence of cancellation of the Elk Creek PPA and any appropriate adjustment of recovery.

The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: May 10, 2023**

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**Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary**