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September 1, 2021

— VIA E-MAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS —

Mr. Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE
CASE NO. PU-21-_____**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company), submits an original and seven (7) copies of a Notice of Change in Rates for Natural Gas Service (Notice) to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 49-05-05 and North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D.A.C.) § 69-02-02-04. A public version of the Notice is also being provided electronically to the Commission.

The rate and tariff changes proposed in this Notice would result in a net annual base rate revenue increase of \$7.1 million or 10.5 percent, for natural gas service effective on and after October 1, 2021, or upon final approval if the rates are suspended and interim rates approved by the Commission. The test year for the proposed increase is calendar year 2022. This application will also effectuate the previously approved recovery of a \$1,250,000 annual amortization, via the Company's monthly Cost of Gas rates, of the costs of remediating a former manufactured gas plant in Fargo, North Dakota.

Included with this Notice is an Alternative Petition for Interim Rates (Petition), should the Commission decide to suspend the Company's Notice and proposed rates and tariffs within thirty (30) days of filing. Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(2), the Petition supports an interim revenue increase of \$8,245,000, effective November 1, 2021, subject to refund, until final rates are placed into effect.

This Notice has been organized into the following sections:

- Notice of Change in Rates;
- Supporting Revenue Requirement Schedules, comprised of a deficiency summary, the proposed increase by customer class, a comparison of present and proposed rates, typical monthly bill impacts, and a North Dakota jurisdictional cost of service summary;
- Revised Tariffs, reflecting the changes in both legislative and regular formats (separately provided in Volume 2); and
- Alternative Petition for Interim Rates, including related schedules and tariffs (separately provided in Volume 1).

In addition, the following Direct Testimony is being filed with this Notice:

- Policy
- Overall Revenue Requirements – 2022 Test Year
- Rate of Return
- Sales Forecast
- Gas Distribution Operations
- Capital Investments and Depreciation, and
- Class Cost of Service and Rate Design.

Under separate cover, and pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-04(11), Xcel Energy has provided a check in the amount of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) as the application fee. Also, the Company has prepaid the filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05 through its periodic regulatory fee payments to the Commission.

You may direct any questions regarding this Notice or the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates to me (contact information at the top of this letter).

Sincerely,



David H. Sederquist
Sr. Consultant, Regulation & Finance
Northern States Power Company

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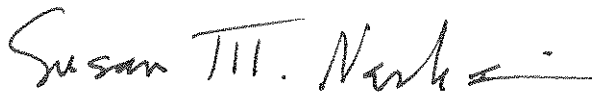
AFFIDAVIT OF
Greg P. Chamberlain

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say that I am Regional Vice President for Northern States Power Company (the Company), the Applicant herein; that I have read the Notice of Change in Rates for Natural Gas Service and the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates and that I believe all statements therein are true and correct; and that the filings are submitted and signed on behalf of the Company with the consent and authority of the Company.

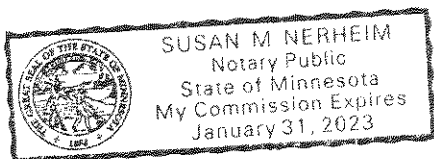


Regional Vice President, Regulatory &
Government Affairs
Northern States Power Company (Minnesota)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of August, 2021.



Notary Public



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	
2021 NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE)	Case No. PU-21-__
APPLICATION)	
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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE

I. INTRODUCTION

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy, NSP, or the Company), hereby provides notice to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission), pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05 and N.D.A.C. § 69-09-01-26, of the Company's intent to change gas service rates contained in the Company's North Dakota Gas Rate Book effective October 1, 2021 unless suspended within thirty (30) days after the date of this filing. If the Commission suspends the proposed revised rates within thirty (30) days of this Notice, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting interim rate relief effective November 1, 2021, without a hearing, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(2). A separate Alternative Petition for Interim Rates is submitted with this Notice.

The rate changes proposed in this Notice would result in an annual increase of gas base rate revenues of \$7.1 million or 10.5 percent, effective for all gas service on and after October 1, 2021, or upon final approval if the rates are suspended and interim rates approved. The test year for the proposed increase is calendar year 2022. The proposed rates would affect the Company's service to all of its approximately 60,000 retail gas customers in the State of North Dakota. The proposed rate changes will also effectuate the previously approved recovery of a \$1,250,000 annual amortization, via the Company's monthly Cost of Gas rates, of the costs of remediating a former manufactured gas plant in Fargo, North Dakota.

A. Need for Rate Increase

The revenue deficiency is primarily a result of the Company's investment in its gas distribution system, including an approximately \$28 million investment in a large

capacity expansion project in the Fargo area to meet the needs of future growth, as well as increased operations and maintenance (O&M) costs, technology investments in our back office systems, and the general passage of time since the Company's last general gas rate application (Case No. PU-06-525), which employed a 2007 test year. Company Witness Mr. Gregory P. Chamberlain discusses the Company's rate proposal.

Company witness Mr. Benjamin C. Halama provides an overview of the revenue requirement and sponsors the schedules supporting our income statement, rate base, revenue deficiency, and jurisdictional allocations in his Direct Testimony. Witness Mr. Dylan W. D'Ascendis of ScottMadden, Inc., sponsors testimony on Rate of Return (ROR), including capital structure and cost of capital. Company witness Ms. Jannell E. Marks sponsors testimony regarding the Company's sales forecast. Ms. Joni H. Zich sponsors testimony regarding the Company's gas operations, including capital investments and O&M expenditures. Company Witness Laurie Wold sponsors testimony regarding the Company's depreciation expenses, accumulated depreciation, and capital roll-forward.

This rate increase is needed to provide the Company with an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on equity (ROE) for its North Dakota gas operations. The company is proposing an ROE of 10.50 percent. The ROE approved by the Commission in 2007 was 10.75 percent. The Direct Testimony of Company witness Mr. D'Ascendis filed with this Notice supports an ROE of 10.50 percent using a capital structure of 52.54 percent equity. The overall proposed rate of return (ROR) is 7.45 percent. The rate increase is also consistent with the settlement approved by the Commission in Case No. PU-18-156, in which the parties agreed that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) savings would be fully reflected in the applicable test year in the next (and subsequent) rate cases. Pursuant to that same settlement, the expense of the Fargo manufactured gas plant (MGP) environmental remediation amortization is not reflected in the proposed base rates; instead, and as provided by the TCJA settlement it will be recovered through the Cost of Gas Rider after implementation of final rates in this Case.

B. Proposed Cost Allocation and Rate Design

The Company is not proposing any material changes to its cost allocation and rate design. Company witness Mr. Christopher J. Barthol provides the Class Cost of Service Study which Mr. Barthol relies upon for the proposed class revenue allocations. Mr. Barthol discusses the objectives that guided the Company's proposed rate design in his Direct Testimony. Christopher J. Barthol, Exhibit ____ (CJB-1), Schedule 4 provides an estimate of the number of customers whose cost

of service will be affected and the proposed annual increase in revenues by customer class.

C. The Proposed Rate Change Would Serve the Public Interest

The rate increase would allow the Company to recover its reasonable cost of service and establish a fair allocation of the increase among the various customer classes. The proposed rate increase does not unreasonably discriminate between the Company's customers or customer classes and does not violate any Commission laws or rules. The proposed rates would thus serve the public interest and should be effective October 1, 2021 as proposed. In the alternative, the Company requests the Commission allow the Company to implement an interim rate increase of \$8.245 million, or 12.25 percent, effective November 1, 2021, until final base rates are placed into effect, as set forth in the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates enclosed with this Application.¹

II. REQUIRED FILING INFORMATION

A. Name and Address of Applicant

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. Title 49, N.D.A.C. Article 69-02, and the Commission's "How to File" guidelines, the name and address of the public utility submitting this Notice is:

Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401
Attn: Greg Chamberlain
RVP, Rates & Regulatory, NSPM

The Company's North Dakota office is located at:

Northern States Power Company
2302 Great Northern Drive
Fargo, North Dakota 58102
Attn: David H. Sederquist
Sr. Consultant, Regulation & Finance
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¹ As provided in the TCJA settlement in Case No. PU-18-156, the \$1.25 million annual amortization of costs of the MGP remediation are to be recovered in the COG Rider upon implementation of final rates. Consequently, the annual MGP amortization will be reflected in interim rates.

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In addition, the Company requests the following names be placed on the Commission's official service list for this proceeding:

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B. Proposed Rates

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05 and N.D.A.C. § 69-09-01-27, the Company is submitting the following as part of this Notice:

- A determination of the projected revenue deficiency for the calendar year 2022 rate case test year (*see* Benjamin C. Halama, Exhibit ____ (BCH-1), Schedule 7).
- The number of customers by class, the proposed revenue apportionment for each customer class, and the projected miscellaneous revenues for the 2022 test year (*see* Christopher J. Barthol, Exhibit ____ (CJB-1), Schedule 4).
- A summary comparison of the proposed retail rates to the Company's present rates (*see* Christopher J. Barthol, Exhibit ____ (CJB-1), Schedule 7).
- An estimation of the anticipated impact of the increase on monthly customer bills at various usage levels (*see* Christopher J. Barthol, Exhibit ____ (CJB-1), Schedule 8).
- A summary of the Jurisdictional Cost of Service Study, which shows the 2022 test year rate base, operating income, revenue requirement and deficiency, and other related information (*see* Benjamin C. Halama, Exhibit ____ (BCH-1), Schedule 3A).
- An Alternative Petition for Interim Rates, with supporting schedules, with rates becoming effective October 31, 2021, and subject to refund pending the final order in this case.

C. Filing Fee and Verification

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-04(11), the Company is separately providing a check for the amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) as the application fee. Also, the Company has prepaid the filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) through its periodic regulatory fee payments to the Commission, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05, which provides no change shall be made by any public utility in any rates except after thirty days' notice and with an accompanying fifty-dollar filing fee. Finally, the enclosed sworn affidavit of Greg P. Chamberlain verifies the correctness of the Notice, proposed rate changes, and supporting schedules.

D. Articles of Incorporation

Pursuant to N.D.A.C. § 69-02-01-17, Xcel Energy is required to identify the Commission proceeding in which it previously filed its articles of incorporation. Those were filed in the Corporate Documents Case No. PU-09-664.

III. NOTICE TO AFFECTED CUSTOMERS

N.D.A.C. § 69-09-01-20(2)(a)(2) requires a notice to gas customers not later than thirty days after filing an increase in rates. In compliance with this requirement, the Company will include a customer message on its bills to be issued to gas customers in North Dakota on and after October 1, 2021, if the rate increase is not suspended. The customer message would be distributed for one billing cycle and would describe: (1) the reasons for the rate changes; and (2) the rate impact information required by N.D.A.C. § 69-09-01-20(2)(a)(2). Information on how to contact the Company or the Commission with questions or comments about the changes would also be provided.

If the Commission suspends the proposed increase within 30 days and issues an order allowing the Company to place the interim gas rate increase in effect on November 1, 2021, subject to refund with interest, the Company would include a customer information notice in bills to be issued to gas customers in North Dakota on and after October 1, 2021, with a statement that the applied rates are interim in nature and that final rates will not be effective until Commission action. The customer information notice would be distributed for one billing cycle, and would describe the reasons for the interim rate change, the rate impact of the change, and would provide information on how to contact the Company or the Commission with questions or comments about the changes.

IV. PROPOSED PROCEDURES

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission allow the proposed rate changes shown in the Proposed Tariffs in Volume 2 to be placed into effect October 1, 2021, without suspension or hearing. This Notice of Change in Rates for Gas Service and schedules thereto fully satisfy the requirements for a notice of rate changes effective October 1, 2021, subject to the Commission's authority to thereafter prospectively change such rates through a final order under N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06 if the Commission formally investigates the proposed rate changes through a hearing. The Company has included verified Direct Testimony and schedules in support of this Notice.


The Company is also receptive to working with Commission Staff to promptly resolve the proceeding through an information and settlement process.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Xcel Energy provides this Notice to the Commission of new gas rates to be effective October 1, 2021, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05 and N.D.A.C. § 69-09-01-27. If the Commission suspends the proposed revised rates within 30 days of this Notice, the Company requests that the Commission issue an order allowing the Company's proposed interim rates to be effective November 1, 2021, subject to refund with interest, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(2) (see Alternative Petition for Interim Rates submitted with this filing).

Please contact Mr. David H. Sederquist at 701-241-8632 or dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this Notice of Change in Rates for Gas Service and/or the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Greg P. Chamberlain
Regional Vice President
Northern States Power Company (Minnesota)

Dated: September 1, 2021

Deficiency and Proposed Revenue

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-05 and N.D.A.C. § 69-09-01-27, the Company is submitting the following as part of this Notice:

- A determination of the projected revenue deficiency for the calendar year 2022 rate case test year (*see* Benjamin C. Halama, Exhibit (BCH-1), Schedule 7).
- The number of customers by class, the proposed revenue apportionment for each customer class, and the projected miscellaneous revenues for the 2022 test year (*see* Christopher J. Barthol, Exhibit (CJB-1), Schedule 4).
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- An estimation of the anticipated impact of the increase on monthly customer bills at various usage levels (*see* Christopher J. Barthol, Exhibit (CJB-1), Schedule 8).
- A summary of the Jurisdictional Cost of Service Study, which shows the 2022 test year rate base, operating income, revenue requirement and deficiency, and other related information (*see* Benjamin C. Halama, Exhibit (BCH-1), Schedule 3A).
- A summary list of the tariff sheets proposed to be changed (*see* Volume 2); and
- The proposed tariffs in "legislative" and regular formats, respectively (*see* Volume 2).

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)	
2021 NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE)	Case No. PU-21-__
APPLICATION)	
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ALTERNATIVE PETITION FOR INTERIM RATES

I. Introduction

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company), hereby submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) this Alternative Petition for Interim Rates (Petition) for its North Dakota retail gas customers, pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06. The Company respectfully requests that the Commission authorize, on an interim basis, an interim rate increase of \$8.245 million, or 12.25 percent, to be effective November 1, 2021.

II. Effective Date

The date of the submission of this Petition is September 1, 2021. The Petition is submitted as part of the Company's Notice of Change in Rates for Gas Service (Notice). Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06, Xcel Energy requests that, should the Commission suspend the operation of the general rate schedules that accompany the Notice, the proposed interim rates be made effective on November 1, 2021. N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(2) provides that if the change in final rates is suspended and interim rates are requested, the Commission "shall order that the interim rates take effect no later than sixty (60) days after the initial filing date and without a public hearing." If the interim rate amounts are in excess of the final rates approved by

the Commission, the interim rates will be subject to refund plus reasonable interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

III. Description and Need for Interim Rates

Xcel Energy is entitled to interim relief based on the Notice and its supporting testimony and schedules along with the supporting schedules attached to this Petition. The proposed interim rate increase applies to all of Xcel Energy's approximately 60,000 retail gas customers in the State of North Dakota. Interim rates are needed because a significant portion of the increased cost of service reflected in the Company's general rate Notice will be incurred before the anticipated effective date of the general rate increase, assuming the Commission suspends the rates filed with the Notice. Without interim rate relief, Xcel Energy would be unable recover its increased costs of service while the rates were suspended.

Schedules attached to this filing support the interim revenue deficiency of \$8.245, or 12.25 percent, for the Company's North Dakota gas utility operation (exclusive of separately collected revenues related to franchise fees or gross earnings taxes imposed by local governmental units). As required by N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06, and as indicated in Schedules 2 and 3 accompanying this Petition, the Company has removed from the interim rate revenue requirement changes in rates not previously approved by the Commission including, chamber of commerce dues, charitable contributions, economic development donations, an income tax tracker, and long-term incentive compensation.

The return on equity (ROE) requested for interim rates is 10.5 percent, which is the same as requested in the Notice.¹ In the settlement of Case No. PU-06-525 (approved by the Commission on June 13, 2007), the parties agreed to a 10.75 percent ROE. The ROE requested here is, therefore, less than that previously approved ROE; however, the Company's request is in the public interest as the use of the previously-approved 10.75 percent ROE would result in higher interim rates for customers than is sought in this Petition. The Company's request is also consistent with Commission precedent, as the Commission has previously approved interim rates calculated using a lower ROE than the ROE from the prior rate case.²

In addition, the interim rate revenue requirement has been adjusted to reflect the effect of the other interim adjustments on cash working capital and on net operating losses.

These interim rates have been calculated to be consistent with the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. PU-18-156.³ Namely, the Company recognizes the expense of amortized Fargo manufactured gas plant (MGP) remediation costs; however, the savings resulting from the Tax Cuts and

¹ Case No. PU-06-525, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (04/24/07), p. 6, approved in ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT (06/13/07).

² Case No. PU-17-398, ORDER ON INTERIM RATES (12/20/17), p. 1 ("Commission Advocacy Staff comments state that [applicant] used a lower rate of return on equity used by [applicant] in its 2018 test year rate request. Advocacy Staff comments state that [applicant's] interim increase complies with [N.D.C.C. §] 49-05-06(2). Recognizing that strict adherence to the statutory language will result in higher interim rates, the Commission finds that [applicant's] interim increase is acceptable and should be approved.").

³ Case No. PU-18-156, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (08/27/18), approved in ORDER ON SETTLEMENT (11/8/18).

Jobs Act are used to offset those costs.⁴ Further, consistent with the TCJA Settlement, the Company's base rate Cost of Service Study recognizes the removal of Fargo MGP remediation costs from base rate Cost of Service Study and their recovery through the Cost of Gas (COG) Rider upon implementation of final rates. In light of the structure envisioned by the TCJA Settlement, the Fargo MGP remediation costs are included in the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates which accounts for the higher deficiency for interim rate purposes than that requested by the Company in this Case.

The test year for the Company's Notice and this Alternative Petition for Interim Rates is the calendar year ending 2022. This request is consistent with N.D.C.C. § 49-05-04.1 and § 49-05-06(2), which allow utilities to file rate cases using future test years and seek interim rates based on the projected expenses and rate base for that future year. This request is also consistent with Commission precedent in which the Commission approved interim rates for natural gas service based on future test years.⁵ The revenue requirement study in the rate Notice shows an annual test year deficiency in revenue of \$8.245 million, or 12.25 percent, under present rates. Present rates, as referred to in this Petition, are the rates authorized by the Commission in its final order approving the settlement agreement in Case No. PU-06-525.

⁴ Id. at ¶¶ 1-2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 also contain requirements applicable to how those items are and are not to be reflected in final rates, and the proposed final rates sought in the Notice and its supporting schedules and testimony comply with those requirements.

⁵ Case No. PU-13-803, ORDER ON INTERIM RATES (10/09/13) (approving interim rate increase beginning on Nov. 17, 2013, using 2014 test year); Case No. PU-17-295, ORDER ON INTERIM RATES (09/06/17) (approving interim rate increase beginning on Sept. 19, 2017, using 2018 test year); Case No. PU 16-666, Order on Interim Rates (11/30/16) (approving interim rate increase beginning on Dec. 13, 2016, using 2017 test year).

IV. Interim Rate Schedules

The following rate schedules are proposed to be effective on an interim basis on November 1, 2021, subject to refund:

Schedule:

Sheet No:

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| • Residential Service | 5-1 |
| • Commercial and Industrial Firm Service | 5-2 |
| • Small Commercial and Industrial Interruptible Service | 5-4 |
| • Large Commercial and Industrial Interruptible Service | 5-6 |
| • Interim Rate Surcharge Rider | 5-18 |

The rate schedules containing proposed interim rates are provided in Volume 1 in legislative and regular formats. No changes have been made in the existing rate design for purposes of establishing interim rates. To provide the additional interim increase of \$8.245 million, on an annualized basis, a uniform 35.20 percent “surcharge” would be applied during the interim period to non-gas revenues currently being recovered from each customer class (i.e., Delivery Service, Basic Service, and Distribution Charge revenues). This “surcharge” results in an overall rate increase of 12.25 percent when the cost of gas is accounted for.

V. Supporting Schedules and Workpapers

The following interim rate schedules are included in support of this Interim Rate petition:

- Schedule 1: Interim revenue deficiency summary;
- Schedule 2: Interim operating income bridge schedule and operating income summary under present and proposed interim rates;
- Schedule 3: Interim rate base bridge schedule;
- Schedule 4: Summary of interim capitalization and cost of capital;
- Schedule 5: Interim jurisdictional cost of service study;
- Schedule 6: Interim rate increase percent by customer class.

VI. Interim Bills/Customer Notice

Xcel Energy proposes to include rate information in customer bills beginning on November 1, 2021, including an informational memo in customer bills to communicate to customers that their bill reflects an increase associated with the Company's interim rate request.

VII. Surety for Refund

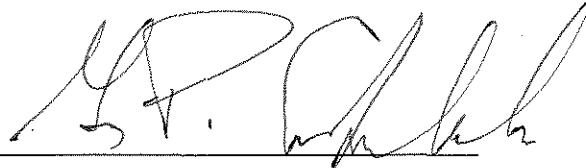
Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(3), the Company respectfully requests that the Commission not require a bond to secure any projected refund. The statutes make such a requirement discretionary. Xcel Energy submits as part of this Petition an Agreement and Undertaking regarding the Company's commitment to refund any interim rates determined by the Commission to be in excess of final rates. These commitments are sufficient to secure any required refund.

VIII. Conclusion

Xcel Energy hereby submits this Alternative Petition for Interim Rates. If the Commission suspends the operation of the rate schedules listed in the Notice under N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06, the Company respectfully requests that the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates be promptly considered and accepted by the Commission, so that interim rate schedules can be effective on November 1, 2021, sixty days after filing. Interim revenues would be subject to refund pending final Commission action on the general rate increase Notice.


Dated: August 24, 2021

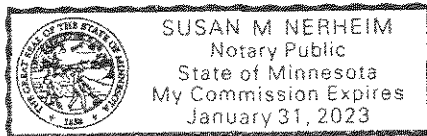
Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Greg P. Chamberlain
Regional Vice President
Northern States Power Company (Minnesota)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24th day of August, 2021.


Notary Public



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Northern States Power Company for)	Case No. PU-21-____
Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas)	
Service in North Dakota)	
)	

AGREEMENT AND UNDERTAKING

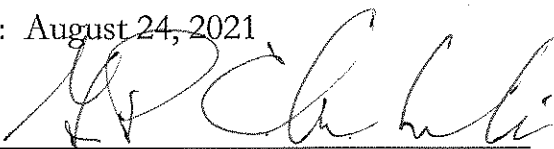
Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or Company), in conjunction with the Alternative Petition for Interim Rates filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission), makes the following unqualified agreement concerning refunding any portion of the interim rate increase in natural gas rates determined by the Commission to be in excess of final rates.

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-05-06(4), Xcel Energy hereby agrees and undertakes to refund to its natural gas customers in North Dakota the amount, if any, collected during the interim rate period in excess of final rates, plus reasonable interest at the rate determined by the Commission, computed from the effective date of the interim rates through the date of refund.

In addition, Xcel Energy agrees to keep such records of sales and billings under the proposed interim rates as will be necessary to compute any potential refund.

This Agreement and Undertaking is made pursuant to authority granted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Dated: August 24, 2021

By: 

Greg P. Chamberlain
Regional Vice President, Regulatory & Government Affairs
Northern States Power Company (Minnesota)

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation
Gas Utility - State of North Dakota
2022 Test Year
Revenue Deficiency Summary - Interim Rate Petition
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Case No. PU-21-_____
Exhibit____(Interim Rate Petition)
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Line No.	Description	General Rate Application	Change	Interim Rate Petition
1	Average Rate Base	\$124,227	-\$119	\$124,108
2	Total Available for Return	\$3,919	-\$905	\$3,013
3	Overall Rate of Return (Line 2 / Line 1)	3.15%	-0.72%	2.43%
4	Required Rate of Return	7.45%	0.00%	7.45%
5	Operating Income Requirement (Line 1 x Line 4)	\$9,255	-\$9	\$9,246
6	Income Deficiency (Line 5 - Line 2)	\$5,336	\$896	\$6,233
7	Gross Revenue Conversion Factor	1.32284	\$0	1.32284
8	Revenue Deficiency (Line 6 x Line 7)	\$7,059	\$1,186	\$8,245
9	Proposed Increase to Other Service Charges	-	\$0	-
10	Deficiency Recovered by Retail Rate Increase	<u>\$7,059</u>	<u>\$1,186</u>	<u>\$8,245</u>
11	Retail Related Revenue Under Present Rates	\$67,303		
12	Percentage Increase to Retail (Line 10 / Line 11)	10.49%		
13	Percentage Interim Increase to Retail (Line 10 / Line 11)	12.25%		

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2022 Test Year
Operating Income - Interim Rate Petition
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Line No.	Description	General Rate Application Present Rates	Chamber of Commerce Dues	Donations Removal	Economic Development Donations	Incentive Environmental	Incentive Time-Based	Income Tax Tracker	MGP Amortization	Net Operating Loss	Cash Working Capital Adjustment	Interim Rate Petition Present Rates
Operating Revenues												
1	Retail	\$67,303										\$67,303
2	Weather Impact Net Margin Adjustment	0										\$0
3	Other Operating	550										\$550
4	Total Operating Revenues	\$67,853	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,853
Expenses												
Operating Expenses:												
5	Purchased Gas	\$43,934										\$43,934
6	Gas Production & Storage	\$635							1,250			\$1,885
7	Gas Transmission	\$387										\$387
8	Gas Distribution	\$5,129										\$5,129
9	Customer Accounting	\$1,613										\$1,613
10	Customer Service & Information	\$149										\$149
11	Sales, Econ Dvlp & Other	\$10			(7)							\$2
12	Administrative & General	\$2,508		(6)		(17)	(11)					\$2,471
13	Total Operating Expenses	\$54,365	(\$2)	(\$6)	(\$7)	(\$17)	(\$11)	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	\$55,572
14	Depreciation	\$6,892										\$6,892
15	Amortization	\$440						(\$9)				\$431
Taxes:												
16	Property	\$1,587										\$1,587
17	Deferred Income Tax & ITC	551										\$551
18	Federal & State Income Tax	(164)	1	2	2	4	3	2	(305)	0	0	(\$455)
19	Payroll & Other	263										\$263
20	Total Taxes	\$2,237	\$1	\$2	\$2	\$4	\$3	\$2	(\$305)	\$0	\$0	\$1,946
21	Total Expenses	\$63,934	(\$2)	(\$5)	(\$6)	(\$13)	(\$8)	(\$7)	\$945	\$0	\$0	\$64,840
22	AFUDC	\$0										\$0
23	Total Operating Income	\$3,919	\$2	\$5	\$6	\$13	\$8	\$7	(\$945)	(\$0)	(\$0)	\$3,013

Note: Revenues reflect calendar month sales

Calculation of Revenue Requirements

Rate Base	\$124,227	-	-	-	-	-	(23)	-	(93)	(3)	\$124,108
Required Operating Income	\$9,255	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	(7)	(0)	\$9,246
Operating Income	\$3,919	2	5	6	13	8	7	(945)	(0)	(0)	\$3,013
Revenue Deficiency	\$5,336	(2)	(5)	(6)	(13)	(8)	(9)	945	(6)	(0)	\$6,233
Revenue Requirements	\$7,059	(2)	(6)	(7)	(17)	(11)	(11)	1,250	(9)	(0)	\$8,245

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2022 Test Year
Operating Income with Proposed Increase - Interim Rate Petition
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Line No.	Description	Interim Rate Petition Present Rates	Interim Rate Increase	Interim Rate Petition Proposed Rates
<u>Operating Revenues</u>				
1	Retail	\$67,303	\$8,245	\$75,548
2	Interdepartmental	\$0		0
3	Other Operating	\$550		550
4	Total Operating Revenues	\$67,853	\$8,245	\$76,098
<u>Expenses</u>				
Operating Expenses:				
5	Purchased Gas	\$43,934		\$43,934
6	Gas Production & Storage	\$1,885		1,885
7	Gas Transmission	\$387		387
8	Gas Distribution	\$5,129		5,129
9	Customer Accounting	\$1,613		1,613
10	Customer Service & Information	\$149		149
11	Sales, Econ Dvlp & Other	\$2		2
12	Administrative & General	\$2,471		2,471
13	Total Operating Expenses	\$55,572	\$0	\$55,572
14	Depreciation	\$6,892	\$0	\$6,892
15	Amortization	\$431		\$431
Taxes:				
16	Property	\$1,587		\$1,587
17	Deferred Income Tax & ITC	\$551		551
18	Federal & State Income Tax	(\$455)	2,012	1,557
19	Payroll & Other	\$263		263
20	Total Taxes	\$1,946	\$2,012	\$3,958
21	Total Expenses	\$64,840	\$2,012	\$66,852
22	AFUDC	\$0	\$0	\$0
23	Total Operating Income	\$3,013	\$6,233	\$9,246

Note: Revenues reflect calendar month sales.

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Rate Base - Interim Rate Petition
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Line No.	Description	General Rate Application Present Rates	Income Tax Tracker	Net Operating Loss	Cash Working Capital	Interim Rate Petition Present Rates
1	Utility Plant in Service	\$222,855				\$222,855
2	Less: Reserve for Depreciation	<u>\$82,973</u>				<u>\$82,973</u>
3	Net Utility Plant in Service	\$139,882	\$0		-	\$139,882
4	Utility Plant Held for Future Use	\$0	\$0			\$0
5	Construction Work in Progress	\$188	\$0			\$188
6	Less: Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	\$19,783		\$93		\$19,875
7	Cash Working Capital	\$648			(3)	\$645
Other Rate Base Items						
8	Materials and Supplies	\$150				\$150
9	Fuel Inventory	2,098				2,098
10	Non-Plant Assets & Liabilities	1,463				1,463
11	Prepayments and Other Working Capital	<u>(419)</u>	<u>(23)</u>			<u>(442)</u>
12	Total Other Rate Base Items	<u>\$3,292</u>	<u>(\$23)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,269</u>
13	Total Average Rate Base	<u><u>\$124,227</u></u>	<u><u>(\$23)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$93)</u></u>	<u><u>(3)</u></u>	<u><u>\$124,108</u></u>

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Summary of Capitalization and Cost of Capital - Interim Rate Petition
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<u>Capitalization:</u>	<u>Amount /1</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cost of</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
	<u>(A)</u>	<u>of Total</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Cost of</u>
<u>PROPOSED TEST YEAR YEAR 2022</u>		<u>Capitalization</u>	<u>(C)</u>	<u>Capital</u>
		<u>(B)</u>		<u>(D)</u>
Long-Term Debt	\$6,904,800	47.03%	4.10%	1.93%
Short-Term Debt	<u>\$63,830</u>	<u>0.43%</u>	1.09%	<u>0.00%</u>
Long-Term and Short-Term Debt	\$6,968,630	47.46%	4.07%	1.93%
Net Common Equity	<u>\$7,713,791</u>	<u>52.54%</u>	10.50%	<u>5.52%</u>
Total Capitalization	<u><u>\$14,682,421</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>		<u><u>7.45%</u></u>

/1 All are average balances; long term and short term debt based on 12 month averages, common equity based on thirteen month balances.

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Jurisdictional Cost of Service - Interim Rate Petition
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NSPM - 00 Complete Revenue Requirements by Jurisdiction, Yr 1	2022		
	Total Company	ND Gas	Other
<u>Composite Income Tax Rate</u>			
State Tax Rate	4.31%	4.31%	4.31%
Federal Statutory Tax Rate	21.00%	21.00%	21.00%
Federal Effective Tax Rate	<u>20.09%</u>	<u>20.09%</u>	<u>20.09%</u>
Composite Tax Rate	24.40%	24.40%	24.40%
Revenue Conversion Factor (1/(1--Composite Tax Rate))	1.322837	1.322837	1.322837
<u>Weighted Cost of Capital</u>			
Active Rates and Ratios Version	Interim	Interim	Interim
Cost of Short Term Debt	1.09%	1.09%	1.09%
Cost of Long Term Debt	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%
Cost of Common Equity	10.50%	10.50%	10.50%
Ratio of Short Term Debt	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%
Ratio of Long Term Debt	47.03%	47.03%	47.03%
Ratio of Common Equity	52.54%	52.54%	52.54%
Weighted Cost of STD			
Weighted Cost of LTD	1.93%	1.93%	1.93%
Weighted Cost of Debt	1.93%	1.93%	1.93%
<u>Weighted Cost of Equity</u>	<u>5.52%</u>	<u>5.52%</u>	<u>5.52%</u>
Required Rate of Return	7.45%	7.45%	7.45%
<u>Rate Base</u>			
Plant Investment	2,025,108	222,855	1,802,253
<u>Depreciation Reserve</u>	<u>793,837</u>	<u>82,973</u>	<u>710,864</u>
Net Utility Plant	1,231,271	139,882	1,091,389
CWIP	3,373	188	3,186
Accumulated Deferred Taxes	219,895	19,875	200,020
DTA - NOL Average Balance	(882)		(882)
DTA - State Tax Credit Average Balance			
DTA - Federal Tax Credit Average Balance	-	-	-
Total Accum Deferred Taxes	219,013	19,875	199,138
Cash Working Capital	(5,202)	645	(5,847)
Materials and Supplies	1,331	150	1,181
Fuel Inventory	17,532	2,098	15,434
Non-plant Assets and Liabilities	12,975	1,463	11,512
Customer Advances	(1,566)	(1,340)	(226)
Customer Deposits	(374)	(42)	(331)
Prepays and Other	4,603	523	4,080
<u>Regulatory Amortizations</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>417</u>	0
Total Other Rate Base Items	29,715	3,914	25,802
Total Rate Base	1,045,346	124,108	921,238

Operating Revenues

Retail	567,419	67,303	500,117
Interdepartmental			
<u>Other Operating Rev - Non-Retail</u>	<u>6,315</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>5,764</u>
Total Operating Revenues	573,734	67,853	505,881

Expenses

Operating Expenses:

Fuel			
Deferred Fuel			
Variable IA Production Fuel			
<u>Purchased Energy - Windsourse</u>			
Purchased Gas	318,027	43,934	274,093
Production - Fixed			
Production - Fixed IA Investment			
Production - Fixed IA O&M			
Production - Variable			
Production - Variable IA O&M			
<u>Production - Purchased Demand</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Production Total			
Regional Markets			
Transmission IA			
Transmission			
Distribution			
Gas Production & Storage	6,270	1,885	4,385
Gas Transmission	3,294	387	2,908
Gas Distribution	41,033	5,129	35,904
Customer Accounting	14,801	1,613	13,188
Customer Service & Information	17,425	149	17,276
Sales, Econ Dvlp & Other	(37)	2	(40)
<u>Administrative & General</u>	<u>24,034</u>	<u>2,471</u>	<u>21,563</u>
Total Operating Expenses	424,848	55,572	369,276
Depreciation	59,720	6,892	52,829
Amortization	658	431	227

Taxes:

Property Taxes	23,188	1,587	21,600
ITC Amortization	(107)	(0)	(107)
Deferred Taxes	3,505	551	2,954
Deferred Taxes - NOL			
Less State Tax Credits deferred			
Less Federal Tax Credits deferred			
Deferred Income Tax & ITC	3,399	551	2,848
Payroll & Other Taxes	2,937	263	2,674
Total Taxes Other Than Income	29,523	2,401	27,122

Income Before Taxes

Total Operating Revenues	573,734	67,853	505,881
less: Total Operating Expenses	424,848	55,572	369,276
Book Depreciation	59,720	6,892	52,829
Amortization	658	431	227
<u>Taxes Other than Income</u>	<u>29,523</u>	<u>2,401</u>	<u>27,122</u>
Total Before Tax Book Income	58,985	2,558	56,427

Tax Additions

Book Depreciation	59,720	6,892	52,829
Deferred Income Taxes and ITC	3,399	551	2,848
Nuclear Fuel Burn (ex. D&D)			
Nuclear Outage Accounting			
Avoided Tax Interest	917	30	887
<u>Other Book Additions</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	-
Total Tax Additions	64,059	7,495	56,564

Tax Deductions

Total Rate Base	1,045,346	124,108	921,238
Weighted Cost of Debt	<u>1.93%</u>	<u>1.93%</u>	<u>1.93%</u>
Debt Interest Expense	20,175	2,395	17,780
Nuclear Outage Accounting			
Tax Depreciation and Removals	79,550	9,612	69,938
NOL Utilized / (Generated)			
<u>Other Tax / Book Timing Differences</u>	<u>(791)</u>	<u>(88)</u>	<u>(703)</u>
Total Tax Deductions	98,934	11,919	87,015

State Taxes

State Taxable Income	24,110	(1,866)	25,976
State Income Tax Rate	<u>4.31%</u>	<u>4.31%</u>	<u>4.31%</u>
State Taxes before Credits	1,039	(80)	1,120
<u>Less State Tax Credits applied</u>			
Total State Income Taxes	1,039	(80)	1,120

Federal Taxes

Federal Sec 199 Production Deduction			
Federal Taxable Income	23,071	(1,785)	24,856
Federal Income Tax Rate	<u>21.00%</u>	<u>21.00%</u>	<u>21.00%</u>
Federal Tax before Credits	4,845	(375)	5,220
<u>Less Federal Tax Credits</u>			
Total Federal Income Taxes	4,845	(375)	5,220

Total Taxes

Total Taxes Other than Income	29,523	2,401	27,122
Total Federal and State Income Taxes	5,884	(455)	6,339
Total Taxes	35,407	1,946	33,461

Total Operating Revenues	573,734	67,853	505,881
Total Expenses	520,633	64,840	455,793

AFDC Debt
AFDC Equity

Net Income	53,101	3,013	50,087
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Rate of Return (ROR)

Total Operating Income	53,101	3,013	50,087
<u>Total Rate Base</u>	<u>1,045,346</u>	<u>124,108</u>	<u>921,238</u>
ROR (Operating Income / Rate Base)	5.08%	2.43%	5.44%

Return on Equity (ROE)

Net Operating Income	53,101	3,013	50,087
Debt Interest (Rate Base * Weighted Cost of Debt)	(20,175)	(2,395)	(17,780)
Earnings Available for Common	32,926	618	32,308
Equity Rate Base (Rate Base * Equity Ratio)	<u>549,225</u>	<u>65,206</u>	<u>484,019</u>
ROE (earnings for Common / Equity)	5.99%	0.95%	6.67%

Revenue Deficiency

Required Operating Income (Rate Base * Required Return)	77,878	9,246	68,632
<u>Net Operating Income</u>	53,101	3,013	50,087
Operating Income Deficiency	24,777	6,233	18,545

Revenue Conversion Factor (1/(1--Composite Tax Rate))	1.322837	1.322837	1.322837
Revenue Deficiency (Income Deficiency * Conversion Factor)	<u>32,777</u>	<u>8,245</u>	<u>24,532</u>

Total Revenue Requirements

Total Retail Revenues	567,419	67,303	500,117
<u>Revenue Deficiency</u>	<u>32,777</u>	<u>8,245</u>	<u>24,532</u>
Total Revenue Requirements	600,196	75,548	524,648

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Interim Rate Increase Calculations

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Margin</u>	<u>Current Margin</u>	<u>Interim Increase *</u>	<u>Margin Increase</u>
Residential -	Cust	Bill	621,727	\$18.48	\$11,489,515		
with space heating	<u>Comm</u>	<u>Thm</u>	<u>39,690,789</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>	<u>\$0</u>		
	Total				\$11,489,515	\$4,044,432	35.20%
Commercial	Cust	Bill	109,101	\$30.00	\$3,273,030		
with space heating	Comm	Thm	64,949,321	\$0.10800	\$7,014,527		
	<u>Comm</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>7,242,210</u>	<u>-\$0.06125</u>	<u>-\$443,570</u>		
	Total				\$9,843,987	\$3,465,189	35.20%
Sm Interruptible	Cust	Bill	758	\$75.00	\$56,850		
	<u>Comm</u>	<u>Thm</u>	<u>5,699,135</u>	<u>\$0.08800</u>	<u>\$501,524</u>		
	Total				\$558,374	\$196,554	35.20%
Large Interruptible	Cust	Bill	300	\$275.00	\$82,500		
	Comm	Thm	29,939,839	\$0.05120	\$1,532,920		
	Comm	Discount	<u>12,763,099</u>	<u>-\$0.01089</u>	<u>-\$139,038</u>		
	Total				\$1,476,382	\$519,702	35.20%
Retail Total	N / A	N / A	N / A	N / A	\$23,368,258	\$8,225,877	35.20%
Rate Total	N / A	N / A	N / A	N / A	\$23,368,258	\$8,225,877	35.20%
Late Pay @	0.2308%	N / A	N / A	N / A	\$0	\$18,986	N / A
Other Op Rev	N / A	N / A	N / A	N / A	\$0	\$0	N / A
Total Rev	N / A	N / A	N / A	N / A	\$23,368,258	\$8,244,863	35.28%

* Total interim increase was adjusted to reflect an increase in late payment revenues and then allocated to class based on current margin contribution.

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Dollars in thousands (\$000s)

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(1)	Interim Revenue Deficiency	\$8,244,863
(2)	Late Pay Increase	\$18,986
(3)	Interim Revenue Deficiency Net of Late Pay Revenue Inc	\$8,225,877
(4)	Present Revenue Under Present Rates	\$67,302,687
(5)	less Fuel Cost Revenues	\$43,934,429
(6)	Present Base Rate Revenues	\$23,368,258
(7)	Interim Increase - % Retail Total Revenue - (1) / (4)	12.25%
(8)	Interim Increase - % Retail Base Rate Revenue - (3) / (6)	35.20%

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
RATE CODE 401

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AVAILABILITY

This rate is available to any residential customer for domestic use of natural gas service.

THERM ADJUSTMENT

Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

RATE

Delivery Services Charge per Month \$18.48

Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

A 35.20% Interim Rate Surcharge will be applied to rate components specified in the "Interim Rate Surcharge Rider" to service provided beginning November 1, 2021.

DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

Wholesale natural gas costs fluctuate due to market conditions, pipeline delivery and storage cost changes, and seasonal demand variations. The Company's costs of purchasing delivered wholesale natural gas is determined each month as defined in the Cost of Gas Rider.

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Delivery Services Charge.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

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INTERIM

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE
RATE CODE 403 AND 410

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AVAILABILITY

This rate is available to any commercial and industrial customer for general use of natural gas service.

THERM ADJUSTMENT

Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$30.00

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Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.10800

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Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

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DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

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MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

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SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
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RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$75.00

Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.08800

Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

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DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

Wholesale natural gas costs fluctuate due to market conditions, pipeline delivery and storage cost changes, and seasonal demand variations. The Company's costs of purchasing delivered wholesale natural gas is determined each month as defined in the Cost of Gas Rider.

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR USE OF GAS DURING CURTAILMENT

If customer fails to curtail use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, customer shall pay in addition to the appropriate above rates, either an amount equal to any payment Company is required to make to its pipeline supplier under the terms of its town border contract as a result of such failure to curtail, or \$5.00 per Therm of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer is requested to curtail, whichever amount is greater. The payment of a penalty does not, under any circumstances, give the customer a contractual option to take unauthorized natural gas. Nor does such payment exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off the offending customer's supply of natural gas in the event they fail to curtail, interrupt, or restrict their use when notified by Company to do so.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

PRIORITY CLASSIFICATION

Priority 1 shall have first priority. Curtailment shall begin with Priority 8 and progress to Priority 1. Priority classifications are defined in the General Rules and Regulations.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

Service agreement shall be for a term of not less than one year. Upon expiration of term, agreement continues in force until terminated by at least 30 days' written notice by either party.

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LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
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RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$275.00
Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.05120
Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

A 35.20% Interim Rate Surcharge will be applied to rate components specified in the "Interim Rate Surcharge Rider" to service provided beginning November 1, 2021.

FLEXIBLE DISTRIBUTION CHARGE

Customers are normally served on the fixed rate but will be placed on the flexible rate if, for pricing reasons, the flexible rate is necessary to compete with a non-gas alternate energy supply/service. Company and customer will agree to a Distribution Charge within the range specified for Rate Code 407, Section 5, Sheet 8. Unless otherwise agreed, a five day notice of price change shall be provided. If Company and customer cannot agree to a flexible distribution charge and customer nonetheless uses gas, then customer shall be charged the maximum allowable flexible distribution charge.

DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

Wholesale natural gas costs fluctuate due to market conditions, pipeline delivery and storage cost changes, and seasonal demand variations. The Company's costs of purchasing delivered wholesale natural gas is determined each month as defined in the Cost of Gas Rider.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR USE OF GAS DURING CURTAILMENT

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MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

PRIORITY CLASSIFICATION

Priority 1 shall have first priority. Curtailment shall begin with Priority 8 and progress to Priority 1. Priority classifications are defined in the General Rules and Regulations.

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CANCELLED INTERIM RATE SURCHARGE RIDER

Section No. 5
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RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
AVAILABILITY

The 35.20% Interim Rate Surcharge applies to:

1. Residential Service
2. Commercial and Industrial Service
3. Small Interruptible Service
4. Large Interruptible Service

The Interim Rate Surcharge does not apply to:

1. Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation Service
2. Emergency Gas Service for Interruptible Customers
3. Large Commercial Firm Transportation Service
4. Cost of Gas Rider
5. Surcharge Rider
6. Daily Balancing Service Rider
7. Limited Firm Service Rider

This temporary Interim Rate Surcharge Rider will expire when final rates become effective.

RATE

Each rate schedule that the Interim Rate Surcharge applies to contains the following text:

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

A 35.20% Interim Rate Surcharge will be applied to rate components specified in the "Interim Rate Surcharge Rider" to service provided beginning November 1, 2021.

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Interim Non-Legislative Tariffs

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
RATE CODE 401

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AVAILABILITY

This rate is available to any residential customer for domestic use of natural gas service.

THERM ADJUSTMENT

Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

RATE

Delivery Services Charge per Month \$18.48

Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

A 35.20% Interim Rate Surcharge will be applied to rate components specified in the "Interim Rate Surcharge Rider" to service provided beginning November 1, 2021.

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DETERMINATION OF COST OF GAS

Wholesale natural gas costs fluctuate due to market conditions, pipeline delivery and storage cost changes, and seasonal demand variations. The Company's costs of purchasing delivered wholesale natural gas is determined each month as defined in the Cost of Gas Rider.

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Delivery Services Charge.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to the applicable surcharge provided for in the Surcharge Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A 1.0% late payment charge will be added to the unpaid balance on date due.

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE
RATE CODE 403 AND 410

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AVAILABILITY

This rate is available to any commercial and industrial customer for general use of natural gas service.

THERM ADJUSTMENT

Customer's Therm usage shall equal their Ccf consumption adjusted to reflect 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, a base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$30.00

Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.10800

Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT

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MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

SURCHARGE

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RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month \$75.00

Distribution Charge per Therm \$0.08800

Cost of Gas Charge per Therm Determined Monthly

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NORTH DAKOTA GAS RATE BOOK - NDPSC NO. 2

LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
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RATE

Basic Service Charge per Month	\$275.00
Distribution Charge per Therm	\$0.05120
Cost of Gas Charge per Therm	Determined Monthly

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MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge.

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AVAILABILITY

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