

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: July 22, 2019

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company for Approval of the 2019-2021 Triennial Nuclear Decommissioning Study and Assumptions

PUC Docket Number(s): E-002/M-17-828

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes August 19, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes August 29, 2019 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issues: Does the July 15, 2019 Nuclear Decommissioning Accrual Compliance Filing submitted by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) comply with the Commission's January 7, 2019 Order?

Should the Commission change the 2019 annual decommissioning and 2019 end of life nuclear fuel accruals?

Topics Open for Comment:

- Does Xcel's July 15, 2019 filing comply with the Commission's January 7, 2019 Order?
- Are Xcel's updated decommissioning methodology assumptions reasonable?
- Are Xcel's updated Nuclear Decommissioning Trust (NDT's) financial inputs reasonable?
- Is the updated end of life (EOL) nuclear fuel accrual reasonable?
- Should the Commission change the 2019 annual decommissioning and 2019 EOL nuclear fuel accruals?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On December 1, 2017, Xcel filed its 2019-2021 Triennial Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Accrual Petition. The Petition examined various decommissioning scenarios and their associated annual decommissioning accrual. The Petition also included a new end of life nuclear fuel accrual.

On January 7, 2019, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING DECOMMISSIONING STUDY, DECOMMISSIONING ACCRUAL, AND TAKING

OTHER ACTION (January 7, 2019 Order). In its January 7, 2019 Order, the Commission adopted, beginning on January 1, 2020, new NDT and EOL accruals. The January 7, 2019 Order also subjected the new accruals to possible revisions that would be based on a subsequent Xcel compliance filing that updates both the NDT's financial inputs and the different decommissioning methodologies.

On July 15, 2019, Xcel submitted its compliance filing.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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