

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN) ORDER APPROVING ECONOMIC
STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN) DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN)
) EL96-003

On April 10, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Northern States Power Company's (NSP's) proposed Economic Development Plan for 1996. The proposed plan was filed in accordance with the settlement agreements reached between NSP and Commission Staff, and approved by the Commission, in the company's most recent rate case filings, Dockets EL90-13 and EL92-016. The Commission approved NSP's Economic Development Plan for 1994 on April 28, 1994, and for 1995 on June 26, 1995.

For 1996, NSP's proposed economic development investment budget is \$100,000. The actual expenditures for the 1995 economic development plan were \$107,500. Fifty percent of the 1996 budget would be recovered through rates, with the remaining 50% funded by shareholders. On May 14, 1996, the company revised the proposed budget for the Minnehaha County Economic Development Association from \$25,000 to \$10,000 with the difference of \$15,000 budgeted for Lincoln County economic development.

At its regularly scheduled May 14, 1996, meeting, the Commission reviewed NSP's Economic Development Plan for 1996. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. After review of the plan, the Commission found the plan is just and reasonable and voted to approve it. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NSP's Economic Development Plan for 1996 is approved as revised.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of May, 1996.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. By: Delaine Kolbo Date: May 22, 1996
