

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY -)
WISCONSIN for authority to implement a gas)
cost recovery plan and to establish gas cost)
recovery factors for the 12-month period)
ending March 31, 2001.)
_____)

Case No. U-12241

At the April 24, 2000 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On December 28, 1999, Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin (NSP-W) filed an application, with supporting testimony and exhibits, requesting approval of its gas cost recovery (GCR) plan and factors for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2001.

Pursuant to due notice, a prehearing conference was held on February 16, 2000 before Administrative Law Judge James N. Rigas. NSP-W and the Commission Staff participated in the proceedings.

Subsequently, the parties submitted a settlement agreement resolving all issues in this case.

According to the terms of the settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, the parties agree that NSP-W should be authorized to implement a uniform GCR factor of \$0.40150 per therm

for the 12-month period of April 2000 through March 2001. Moreover, the parties agree that NSP-W's GCR plan and five-year forecast, as based on evidence submitted in this case, are reasonable and prudent.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; MSA 22.21 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; MSA 22.13(6h) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACRS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is approved.
- B. Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin is authorized to incorporate into its rates a uniform gas cost recovery factor not to exceed \$0.40150 per therm for the billing months of April 2000 through March 2001.
- C. Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin shall file with the Commission, within 30 days, tariff sheets incorporating the gas cost recovery factor approved in this order.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26; MSA 22.45.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand
Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of April 24, 2000.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated April 24, 2000 approving the settlement agreement and authorizing Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin to implement a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2001, as set forth in the order.”