

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request by Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval to Change its Contract Demand Entitlements to Serve Firm Customers, and to Recover the Associated Costs in its Monthly Purchased Gas Adjustments (PGAs) Effective with its November 2002 Billings

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

Approved the level of demand entitlements shown in DOC Attachment 1, page 2, Column 2 (e. g., Minnesota design-day capacity of 642,275 Dth), effective November 2002;

Approved a Minnesota-jurisdictional allocation factor of 0.1345 for allocating the costs of entitlements on Viking for the Minnesota portion of the Grand Forks lateral;

Approved a Moorhead, Minnesota area jurisdictional allocation factor of 0.2084 to properly allocate the costs of the pipeline loop installed by Viking to service the incremental needs for the Moorhead, Minnesota/Fargo, North Dakota area;

Approved a Minnesota-jurisdictional allocation factor of 0.8942 for allocating the rest of the

costs associated with the requested firm demand entitlements;, and

Allowed recovery of the costs through the Company's PGA, as recommended by the Department, effective with Xcel's November 2002 cycle 1 billings.

This decision is issued by the Commission's consent calendar subcommittee, under a delegation of authority granted under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (a). Unless a party, a participant, or a Commissioner files an objection to this decision within ten days of receiving it, it will become the Order of the full Commission under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (b).

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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