

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer,
Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

Docket No. ER05-699-002

ORDER APPROVING UNCONTESTED PARTIAL SETTLEMENT

(Issued October 25, 2006)

1. On July 24, 2006, Xcel Energy Services Inc., on behalf of itself, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota), Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin), as well as Sauk Centre Public Utilities, St. James Public Utility, Hillsboro Municipal Utilities, and Missouri River Energy Services, filed a settlement in the above-referenced docket.
2. Comments on the settlement were filed by Commission Trial Staff on August 14, 2006. No other comments were filed. On September 14, 2006, the settlement was certified to the Commission as a partial uncontested settlement.¹ The settlement resolves, as to the settling parties, a dispute over the pass-through of certain costs Xcel incurs from the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator.
3. The settlement is in the public interest and is hereby approved. The Commission's acceptance of this settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding. The Commission retains the right to investigate the rates, terms and conditions under the just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential standard of section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824e (2000).

¹ On September 20, 2006, the Presiding Administrative Law Judge filed an errata to her certification to clarify that the settlement applied only to the settling parties, and that the proceeding is still ongoing for the remaining parties.

4. The tariff designations do not comply with *Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets*, Order No. 614, FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles July 1996 – December 2000 ¶ 31,096 (2000). Xcel Energy Services, Inc. is directed to file rate schedule sheets in conformance with Order No. 614 within 30 days of this order approving the settlement.

5. This order terminates Docket No. ER05-699-002. Docket No. ER05-699-000 remains active for the residual parties.

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.