

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman;
Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher,
and Suedeen G. Kelly.

Xcel Energy Services Inc.

Docket Nos. ER04-1174-000,
ER04-1174-001, and
ER04-1174-002

Xcel Energy Services Inc. and
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Docket No. EL05-41-000

ORDER GRANTING DEFERRAL OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATES

(Issued May 19, 2005)

1. On May 13, 2005, Xcel Energy Services, Inc. (Xcel), on behalf of its affiliated public utility operating companies, Public Service Company of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Company, filed a request that the Commission defer the effective date of rates filed in Docket No. ER04-1174-000 from May 20, 2005 to June 1, 2005. In support, Xcel explains that the rates at issue (which include formula rates for transmission service, based on a prior year's Form No. 1 data) had been accepted and suspended for five months, to become effective on May 20, 2005, subject to refund,¹ but that they would remain in effect for only 12 days, until June 1, 2005, when new rates would become effective. Xcel states that an extension to June 1, 2005 would allow Xcel to avoid having to calculate and charge rates for 12 days (and likewise defer the effectiveness of the rates from mid-month to the start of a new calendar month), and would allow the lower, currently effective rates to remain in place for those 12 days and so avoid a rate increase to customers for those 12 days.² Xcel also states that it has

¹ See *Xcel Energy Services Inc.*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,284 at P 20 (2004), *reh'g denied*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,084 (2005).

² Since certain, related Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) tariff revisions that would track the Xcel rates at issue here were accepted and suspended to track the

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conferred with counsel for the affected customers who are parties to this proceeding and that they have authorized Xcel to state that they do not object to the requested deferral of the effective date.

2. In these circumstances, the Commission will grant the requested deferral and allow an effective date of June 1, 2005.³

By the Commission.

(S E A L)

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

acceptance and suspension of the Xcel rates at issue here, this deferral of the effective date of Xcel's rates will also have the practical effect of deferring the effective date of the SPP tariff revisions. *See id.*

³ Xcel also asks that the Commission extend the date for a compliance filing intended to reflect the new June 1, 2005 effective date until June 30, 2005. Consistent with the Commission's grant of the deferral of the effective date, the Commission also will extend the effective date of the compliance filing until June 30, 2005.