

ORDINANCE NO. 830

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GAS SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF WABASHA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WABASHA DOES ORDAIN:

Section 830.1. The City of Wabasha Municipal Code is hereby amended to include reference to the following Special Ordinance.

Section 830.2. Purpose. The Wabasha City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a franchise fee on those public utility companies that provide natural gas services within the City of Wabasha

- (a) Pursuant to city charter chapter 10, a Franchise Agreement between the City of Wabasha and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, the City has the right to impose a franchise fee on Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 9 of the Northern States Power Company Franchise and in the fee schedule attached hereto as Schedule A.

Section 830.3. Franchise Fee Statement. A franchise fee is hereby imposed on Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, under its gas franchise in accordance with the schedule attached here to and made a part of this Ordinance, commencing with the Xcel Energy February 1, 2013, billing month.

This fee is an account-based fee on each premise and not a meter-based fee. In the event that an entity covered by this ordinance has more than one meter at a single premise, but only one account, only one fee shall be assessed to that account. If a premise has two or more meters being billed at different rates, the Company may have an account for each rate classification, which will result in more than one franchise fee assessment for electric service to that premise. If the Company combines the rate classifications into a single account, the franchise fee assessed to the account will be the largest franchise fee applicable to a single rate classification for energy delivered to that premise. In the event any entities covered by this ordinance have more than one premise, each premise (address) shall be subject to the appropriate fee. In the event a question arises as to the proper fee amount for any premise, the Company's manner of billing for energy used at all similar premises in the city will control.

Section 830.4. Payment. The said franchise fee shall be payable to the City in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 9 of the Franchise.

Section 830.5. Surcharge. The City recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow Company to add a surcharge to customer rates of city residents to reimburse Company for the cost of the fee.

Section 830.6. Record Support for Payment. Xcel Energy shall make each payment when due and, if required by the City, shall provide at the time of each payment a statement summarizing how the franchise fee payment was determined, including information showing any adjustments to the total surcharge billed in the period for which the payment is being made to account for any uncollectibles, refunds or error corrections.

Section 830.7. Enforcement. Any dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.5 of the Franchise Agreement.

Section 830.8. Effective Date of Franchise Fee. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be after its publication and ninety (90) days after the sending of written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Ordinance to Xcel Energy by certified mail. Collection of the fee shall commence as provided in above.

Passed by the Council this 14th day of November 2012.

Rollin Hall, Mayor

Attested: _____
Susan Schamaun, City Clerk

SCHEDULE A

Franchise Fee Rates:

Gas Utility

The franchise fee shall be in an amount determined by applying the following schedule per customer premise/per month based on metered service to retail customers within the City:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Amount per month</u>
Residential	\$ 1.00
Commercial Firm Non-Demand	\$ 4.00
Commercial Firm Demand	\$ 40.00
Small Interruptible	\$143.00
Medium and Large Interruptible	\$ 0.00
Firm Transportation	\$ 0.00
Interruptible Transportation	\$ 0.00

Franchise fees are to be collected by the Utility at the rate listed below, and submitted to the City on a quarterly basis as follows:

January – March collections due by April 30.

April – June collections due by July 31.

July – September collections due by October 31.

October – December collections due by January 31.