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March 26, 2009

Commissioner Dusty Johnson  
Commissioner Steve Kolbeck  
Commissioner Gary Hanson  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
523 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Chairman Johnson, Vice Chairman Kolbeck and Commissioner Hanson:

In your letter dated March 13, 2009, you requested information from NorthWestern Energy about how the Lieberman-Warner Act<sup>1</sup> could affect our utility business and customer rates. You also requested our input on the proposed emission credits auction being discussed by President Obama's administration. We are encouraged by the Commission's interest in these public policies and its examination of these proposals for their impacts to South Dakota's future, utility industry, ratepayers, and economic well-being. NorthWestern welcomes this opportunity to present information to the Commission about these important issues.

As the Commission is aware, the Administration and Congress will soon be considering a package of bills addressing a renewable energy standard (RES), energy efficiency resource standard (EERS), an electric high voltage overlay or superhighway, and cap and trade. Each of these components will comprise a comprehensive energy bill that seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lead the country toward energy independence. The President has indicated through his budget proposal that a cap and trade system will be very important to fund some of his campaign priorities. The Administration and the majority in both the House and Senate have indicated that they want to have a comprehensive energy bill on the President's desk late this year. Thus, it is very important for South Dakota to understand the impact of each of the pieces of the energy package on its economy, businesses and residents so it can engage in the ongoing debate in Congress.

Cap and trade legislation threatens to have the biggest impact on South Dakota. NorthWestern Energy's current electric generation portfolio consists of 90% coal generation and 10% purchased power generated from other fuel sources including coal,

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<sup>1</sup> As the Commission is aware, the Lieberman-Warner bill was not passed last Congress and has not been re-introduced this Congress.

natural gas, hydro and wind. Any scenario that includes a tax on carbon or added costs to carbon based electric generation will have a significant impact on Northwestern Energy, our customers, capital structure, and ability to attract continued investment. Each potential scenario must be heavily scrutinized to determine if the true benefits to South Dakota, the environment and the economy are realized before final actions are taken.

NorthWestern used the Administration's budget proposal that assumes a \$20 per ton carbon cost and 100% auction in a cap and trade system to prepare preliminary analyses of the impacts to different customer classes' monthly bills on a kWh basis (Attachment A). Attachment A also shows the same analysis with a \$50 per ton carbon cost. Additionally, we prepared a preliminary analysis using the President's budget proposal of a \$20 per ton Carbon cost along with a \$50 per ton carbon cost and the 25% by 2025 RES proposed by Chairman Markey of the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming on customer electric rates (Attachment B). NWE also prepared examples of customer bills that demonstrate how these increased costs will appear when they pay their bills (Attachment C).

Our preliminary analyses show the costly effect of 100% auction, a \$20 or \$50 Carbon cost and a 25% by 2025 federal Renewable Energy Standard (RES) on South Dakota ratepayers. For example, using the Administration's proposal of \$20 per ton carbon cost, residential electric heat customers can anticipate a 36% increase in their monthly bill while a large retail customer will see a 42% increase (\$0.024 per kWh increase). In comparison, a \$50 per ton carbon cost will increase an average electric heat customer's monthly bill by an estimated 91% and a commercial large retail customer's monthly bill will increase by 106% (\$0.060 per kWh increase). If a federal RES of 25% is enacted with a \$20 per ton carbon cost, the above numbers improve on customer monthly bills but significant increases remain. A typical electric heat residential monthly bill is anticipated to increase by 27% while a commercial large retail customer bill would increase by about 32% per month (\$0.018 per kWh increase). Under the same 25% RES with a \$50 per ton carbon cost, the average residential electric heat monthly bill increases 68% while a commercial large retail monthly electric bill increases 80% (\$0.45 per kWh increase).

In general, NorthWestern Energy's positions on global climate change and related public policy or legislative initiatives closely mirror those of our peers through the collective voice of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI). Some of the more salient points for you to consider include:

- Any system established through public policy or legislative actions MUST minimize energy rate increases to ratepayers. This is particularly poignant for those of us who work and live in the Midwest where electric generation is primarily coal based. One sector of the American public should not be overtly penalized for using a natural resource to generate electricity that is the least costly, most readily available, and most efficient resource. By fostering the concept of a cap and trade system on coal generation, a hidden tax is created placing residents and businesses of the Midwestern states at a distinct disadvantage of incurring sky rocketing utility costs while utility rates along the western coast or in northeast areas

of the United States remain relatively stable. Is it prudent to create a public policy that imposes disproportionate costs on the heartland of the nation while the two coasts see minimal impact?

- Discussions at the federal level to adopt a national RES must include energy efficiency. Allowing energy efficiency to count towards a RES benefits customers by helping to offset the impact of rising energy costs and the need to build new generation – renewable or otherwise. Energy efficiency is often referred to as the “fifth fuel” for energy generation. Thus, it should hold equal footing with other renewable energy resources in meeting a RES. The 2009 South Dakota Legislature recognized the importance of energy efficiency by passing legislation at your urging to allow energy efficiency savings to count towards the state’s Renewable Energy Objective. The same policy should hold true at the federal level as well.
- If a national RES is created, it should apply to ALL electric generators - shareholder-owned, rural electric, municipal, merchant, or other public power entities alike. Concerns related to carbon and global climate change remains the same whether coal is burned by a shareholder-owned generator or by a public power entity to create electricity. The properties of coal-based generation do not change due to whom owns that generation.
- If a system to auction emission credits is put into place, 100% of the proceeds from those auctions need to flow back to the regulated Load Serving Entity (LSE). This would allow the auction proceeds to benefit the very customers who will be hardest hit by potential rate increases. NWE supports the concept that the allocation of proceeds to the regulated LSE may have state regulatory oversight. We would also suggest that the allocation of proceeds would need appropriate adjustments on a timely basis to address the impacts on unregulated generators.

In closing, NorthWestern Energy appreciates this opportunity to share its views with the Commission regarding federal policy and legislative debates surrounding the environment, energy production, and potential impacts to the utility industry and its customers. We understand that this is a moving target and much remains to be done before any final actions are taken. NorthWestern Energy looks forward to working with you as we position South Dakota in the federal debate and in making every effort to minimize rate impacts to our customers.

Sincerely,



Pamela A. Bonrud

Director – SD/NE Government and Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Steve Willard, SDEUC

**ATTACHMENT A**

NorthWestern Energy  
 SD Carbon Cost Impact - \$20 per ton  
 March 26, 2009

Estimated Carbon Cost	\$31,001,944
divided by 2009 retail sales budget	1,450,000,000
 Increased Cost per KWH	 <u><u>\$0.021</u></u>

<b><u>Monthly Bill Customer Impacts</u></b>	<u>KWH</u>	<u>Current Bill</u>	<u>New Bill</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>% of Increase</u>
Residential - Regular Customer	750	\$72.72	\$88.76	\$16.04	22%
Residential - Electric Heat Customer	3,000	\$176.06	\$240.20	\$64.14	36%
Commercial - Small Retail	7,607	\$725.00	\$887.64	\$162.64	22%
Commercial - Grain Elevator	20,744	\$2,367.00	\$2,810.52	\$443.52	19%
Commercial - Fast Food Restaurant	24,487	\$1,882.00	\$2,405.55	\$523.55	28%
Commercial - Car Dealer	39,957	\$2,822.00	\$3,676.31	\$854.31	30%
Commercial - Large Retail	339,625	\$17,097.00	\$24,358.40	\$7,261.40	42%
Commercial - Large Industrial	2,176,800	\$112,948.00	\$159,489.40	\$46,541.40	41%

**ATTACHMENT A**

NorthWestern Energy  
 SD Carbon Cost Impact - \$50 per ton  
 March 26, 2009

Estimated Carbon Cost	\$77,504,860
divided by 2009 retail sales budget	1,450,000,000
Increased Cost per KWH	<u><u>\$0.053</u></u>

<b><u>Monthly Bill Customer Impacts</u></b>	<u>KWH</u>	<u>Current Bill</u>	<u>New Bill</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>% of Increase</u>
Residential - Regular Customer	750	\$72.72	\$112.81	\$40.09	55%
Residential - Electric Heat Customer	3,000	\$176.06	\$336.41	\$160.35	91%
Commercial - Small Retail	7,607	\$725.00	\$1,131.61	\$406.61	56%
Commercial - Grain Elevator	20,744	\$2,367.00	\$3,475.80	\$1,108.80	47%
Commercial - Fast Food Restaurant	24,487	\$1,882.00	\$3,190.87	\$1,308.87	70%
Commercial - Car Dealer	39,957	\$2,822.00	\$4,957.77	\$2,135.77	76%
Commercial - Large Retail	339,625	\$17,097.00	\$35,250.51	\$18,153.51	106%
Commercial - Large Industrial	2,176,800	\$112,948.00	\$229,301.50	\$116,353.50	103%

**ATTACHMENT A**

NorthWestern Energy  
 SD Carbon Cost Impact - \$20 per ton / 25% RES  
 March 26, 2009

Estimated Carbon Cost	\$23,251,458
divided by 2009 retail sales budget	1,450,000,000
 Increased Cost per KWH	 <u><u>\$0.016</u></u>

<b><u>Monthly Bill Customer Impacts</u></b>	<u>KWH</u>	<u>Current Bill</u>	<u>New Bill</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>% of Increase</u>
Residential - Regular Customer	750	\$72.72	\$84.75	\$12.03	17%
Residential - Electric Heat Customer	3,000	\$176.06	\$224.17	\$48.11	27%
Commercial - Small Retail	7,607	\$725.00	\$846.98	\$121.98	17%
Commercial - Grain Elevator	20,744	\$2,367.00	\$2,699.64	\$332.64	14%
Commercial - Fast Food Restaurant	24,487	\$1,882.00	\$2,274.66	\$392.66	21%
Commercial - Car Dealer	39,957	\$2,822.00	\$3,462.73	\$640.73	23%
Commercial - Large Retail	339,625	\$17,097.00	\$22,543.05	\$5,446.05	32%
Commercial - Large Industrial	2,176,800	\$112,948.00	\$147,854.05	\$34,906.05	31%

**ATTACHMENT A**

NorthWestern Energy  
 SD Carbon Cost Impact - \$50 per ton / 25% RES  
 March 26, 2009

Estimated Carbon Cost	\$58,128,645
divided by 2009 retail sales budget	1,450,000,000
Increased Cost per KWH	<u><u>\$0.040</u></u>

<b><u>Monthly Bill Customer Impacts</u></b>	<b><u>KWH</u></b>	<b><u>Current Bill</u></b>	<b><u>New Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>% of Increase</u></b>
Residential - Regular Customer	750	\$72.72	\$102.79	\$30.07	41%
Residential - Electric Heat Customer	3,000	\$176.06	\$296.33	\$120.27	68%
Commercial - Small Retail	7,607	\$725.00	\$1,029.95	\$304.95	42%
Commercial - Grain Elevator	20,744	\$2,367.00	\$3,198.60	\$831.60	35%
Commercial - Fast Food Restaurant	24,487	\$1,882.00	\$2,863.65	\$981.65	52%
Commercial - Car Dealer	39,957	\$2,822.00	\$4,423.83	\$1,601.83	57%
Commercial - Large Retail	339,625	\$17,097.00	\$30,712.13	\$13,615.13	80%
Commercial - Large Industrial	2,176,800	\$112,948.00	\$200,213.13	\$87,265.13	77%

**ATTACHMENT B**

NorthWestern Energy  
Carbon Dioxide Emissions Estimate  
March 26, 2009

**EMISSIONS RATES PER THE EIA:**

LIGNITE (COYOTE)	215.4 POUNDS CO2 PER MILLION BTU
SUB-BITUKMINOUS (BSP AND NEAL 4)	212.7 POUNDS CO2 PER MILLION BTU

**NET HEAT RATES:**

COYOTE	11900 BTU PER KWH
BIG STONE	10500 BTU PER KWH
NEAL 4	10300 BTU PER KWH

**THEREFORE, EMISSIONS OF CO2 PER MWH WOULD BE:**

COYOTE	1.282 TONS CO2 PER MWH
BIG STONE	1.117 TONS CO2 PER MWH
NEAL 4	1.095 TONS CO2 PER MWH

**COST PER MWH AT VARIOUS TAX RATES PER TON OF CO2:**

CARBON TAX @	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50 PER TON CO2
COYOTE	\$25.63	\$38.45	\$51.27	\$64.08 PER MWH
BIG STONE	\$22.33	\$33.50	\$44.67	\$55.83 PER MWH
NEAL 4	\$21.91	\$32.86	\$43.82	\$54.77 PER MWH

**ATTACHMENT B - CONTINUED**

NorthWestern Energy  
 Carbon Dioxide Emissions Estimate  
 March 26, 2009

**TOTAL CARBON TAX COST FOR NWE -- 2009 BUDGET**

COYOTE	286000 MWH	\$7,330,924	\$10,996,385	\$14,661,847	\$18,327,309
BSP	847000 MWH	\$18,916,475	\$28,374,712	\$37,832,949	\$47,291,186
NEAL 4	387000 MWH	\$8,478,435	\$12,717,652	\$16,956,869	\$21,196,087
		\$34,725,833	\$52,088,749	\$69,451,666	\$86,814,582
Total Generation (MWH)		1,520,000	1,520,000	1,520,000	1,520,000
Less Wholesale (MWH)		-163,000	-163,000	-163,000	-163,000
Net Gen to Retail (MWH)		1,357,000	1,357,000	1,357,000	1,357,000
Ratio of Retail to Total		89.28%	89.28%	89.28%	89.28%
Retail Carbon Cost		\$31,001,944	\$46,502,916	\$62,003,888	\$77,504,860
Cost per KWH		\$0.021	\$0.032	\$0.043	\$0.053

**ATTACHMENT C**

**NORTHWESTERN ENERGY**

**CUSTOMER BILL EXAMPLES**

**IN RESPONSE TO**

**SD PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REQUEST**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**REGARDING IMPACTS OF**

**POSSIBLE FEDERAL CARBON COST SCENARIOS**

# NorthWestern Energy

Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		0153392-6	
		<b>Billing Date</b>	03/20/2009

Account Activity		
<b>Energy Costs</b>	Previous Balance	166.19
Elec Cost Per Day 10.26	Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	166.19 CR
Gas Cost Per Day 0.00		
<b>Information Center</b>	<b>Utilities Services</b>	
Pay by Phone Options:	Outdoor Lighting 8.01	
Checking, Savings or Money	Electric 287.29	
Market: (800) 218-4959	Natural Gas 0.00	
Credit/Debit or ATM Card:	Taxes 11.81	
(877) 361-4927 or visit our website at:	Total Current Utility Charges	307.11
www.northwesternenergy.com	<b>Product &amp; Services</b>	
	Monthly Fixed Charges	0.00
	Other charges	0.00
	Other Taxes	0.00
	Adjustments	0.00
	Late Payment Fee	0.00
	04/20/2009 Bank Draft Payment	307.11
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	0.00
	(See back page for additional billing details)	

A late fee of \$2.00 plus 1% of the unpaid utility balance will be assessed if not paid by due date.

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Account Number	0153392-6
Date Due	04/20/2009
Please Pay This Amount	
Amount Paid	<input type="text"/>

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**Products and Services**

**Monthly Fixed Charges**

	Qty	Unit Price	Monthly Charge	Balance
Lighting 175 MV Unmetered	1.00 @	5.4200000	5.42	
Lighting 175 MV Metered	1.00 @	2.5900000	2.59	

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates From	To	Days	Meter Readings Previous - Current	Mult	Usage	Units	Amount
10 Electric Residential	Act	1023243	02/06	03/06	28	12978 15262	1	2284.00	KWH	
			Energy Charge							111.89
			Elec Fuel Purchase Power							50.96
			Carbon Tax							122.08
										284.93
										Service Total
U10 Security Lighting		F-RR010 -P	02/06	03/20	42			106.00		
			Elec Fuel Purchase Power							2.36
										Service Total
										2.36
State Sales Tax										11.81
								Total Taxes		11.81

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When we use information from your check to make an electronic funds transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day you make your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution. For inquiries, please call 1-800-245-6977.

# NorthWestern Energy

Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		0153921-2	
		Billing Date	03/20/2009

Account Activity		
<b>Energy Costs</b>	Previous Balance	5336.74
Elec Cost Per Day 177.13	Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	0.00
Gas Cost Per Day 114.58		
<b>Information Center</b>	<b>Utilities Services</b>	
Pay by Phone Options:	Outdoor Lighting	0.00
Checking, Savings or Money	Electric	4782.51
Market: (800) 218-4959	Natural Gas	3093.53
Credit/Debit or ATM Card:	Taxes	472.56
(877) 361-4927 or visit our	Total Current Utility Charges	8348.60
website at:	<b>Product &amp; Services</b>	
www.northwesternenergy.com	Monthly Fixed Charges	0.00
	Other charges	0.00
	Other Taxes	0.00
	Adjustments	0.00
	Late Payment Fee	55.37
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	13740.71

(See back page for additional billing details)

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Return this portion of the bill with your payment.  
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Account Number	0153921-2
Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$13740.71
Amount Paid	

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Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
HARDWARE STORE 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		0155425-2	
		Billing Date	03/20/2009

Account Activity		
<b>Energy Costs</b>	Previous Balance	863.83
Elec Cost Per Day 36.43	Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	0.00
Gas Cost Per Day 13.50		
<b>Information Center</b>	<b>Utilities Services</b>	
Pay by Phone Options:	Outdoor Lighting	0.00
Checking, Savings or Money	Electric	1027.98
Market: (800) 218-4959	Natural Gas	377.94
Credit/Debit or ATM Card:	Taxes	83.88
(877) 361-4927 or visit our	Total Current Utility Charges	1489.80
website at:	<b>Product &amp; Services</b>	
www.northwesternenergy.com	Monthly Fixed Charges	0.00
	Other charges	7.98 CR
	Other Taxes	0.00
	Adjustments	0.00
	Late Payment Fee	10.64
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	2356.29

(See back page for additional billing details)

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Account Number	0155425-2
Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$2356.29
Amount Paid	

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**Products and Services**

**Other Charges**

Maximum Cal. Rate 33

7.98 CR

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates		Days	Meter Readings		Mult	Usage	Units	Amount
			From	To		Previous -	Current				
33 Elec Commercial Serv	Act	1067100	02/06	03/06	28	2026	2196	40	6800.00	KWH	
											295.80
											151.71
											363.46
		1067100		03/06	28		.69		27.68	DEM	217.01
		1067100	02/06	03/06	28	277	292	40	600.00	KVR	
											0.00
											1027.98
											Service Total
82 General Gas Service	Act	2045883	02/06	03/06	28	95466	95816	1	350.00	CCF	
									344.00	THERM	68.05
											309.89
											377.94
											Service Total
State Sales Tax	55.92	City Sales Tax	27.96						Total Taxes	83.88	

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Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
RESIDENTIAL ELEC HEAT CUSTOMER 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		0160185-5	
		<b>Billing Date</b>	03/20/2009

Account Activity		
<b>Energy Costs</b>	Previous Balance	131.94
Elec Cost Per Day 10.15	Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	0.00
Gas Cost Per Day 0.00		
<b>Information Center</b>	<b>Utilities Services</b>	
Pay by Phone Options:	Outdoor Lighting 0.00	
Checking, Savings or Money	Electric 334.89	
Market: (800) 218-4959	Natural Gas 0.00	
Credit/Debit or ATM Card:	Taxes 20.10	
(877) 361-4927 or visit our	Total Current Utility Charges	354.99
website at:	<b>Product &amp; Services</b>	
www.northwesternenergy.com	Monthly Fixed Charges	0.00
	Other charges	0.00
	Other Taxes	0.00
	Adjustments	0.00
	Late Payment Fee	3.32
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	490.25
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Account Number	0160185-5
Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$490.25
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**Products and Services**

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates		Days	Meter Readings		Mult	Usage	Units	Amount
			From	To		Previous -	Current				
11 Elec Residential Htg	Act	1083829	01/15	02/17	33	23140	26039	1	2899.00	KWH	
			Energy Charge								106.41
			Elec Fuel Purchase Power								73.53
			Carbon Tax								154.95
											334.89
											Service Total
State Sales Tax	13.40	City Sales Tax	6.70						Total Taxes	20.10	

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Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
FAST FOOD RESTAURANT 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		0180958-1	
		Billing Date	03/20/2009

Account Activity			
		Previous Balance	3880.41
		Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	3880.41 CR
<b>Energy Costs</b>			
Elec Cost Per Day	105.84		
Gas Cost Per Day	60.32		
<b>Information Center</b>			
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<b>Utilities Services</b>			
	Outdoor Lighting	0.00	
	Electric	2963.48	
	Natural Gas	1688.86	
	Taxes	279.14	
	Total Current Utility Charges		4931.48
<b>Product &amp; Services</b>			
	Monthly Fixed Charges		0.00
	Other charges		0.00
	Other Taxes		0.00
	Adjustments		0.00
	Late Payment Fee		0.00
		<b>Total Amount Due</b>	4931.48

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Account Number	0180958-1
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Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$4931.48

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**Products and Services**

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates From	To	Days	Meter Readings Previous - Current	Mult	Usage	Units	Amount
34 Elec Commercial Serv	Act	1088151	02/03	03/03	28	13739 14014	80	22000.00	KWH	512.76
						Energy Charge				1175.90
						Carbon Tax				490.82
						Elec Fuel Purchase Power				
		1088151		03/03	28	.69		100.00	DEM	784.00
		1088151	02/03	03/03	28	5201 5286	80	6800.00	KVR	0.00
						Power Factor Correction (Factor.9554)				
						Service Total				2963.48
82 General Gas Service	Act	2037335	02/03	03/03	28	3520 5189	1	1669.00	CCF	
								1637.00	THERM	217.81
						Local Delivery Charge				1471.05
						Purch Gas Commodity SD 82				1688.86
						Service Total				
State Sales Tax	186.09	City Sales Tax	93.05					Total Taxes	279.14	

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Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
LARGE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		0215605-7	
		<b>Billing Date</b>	03/20/2009

Account Activity		
<b>Energy Costs</b>	Previous Balance	113890.23
Elec Cost Per Day 6332.45	Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	132265.85 CR
Gas Cost Per Day 0.00		
<b>Information Center</b>	<b>Utilities Services</b>	
Pay by Phone Options:	Outdoor Lighting	0.00
Checking, Savings or Money	Electric	208970.76
Market: (800) 218-4959	Natural Gas	0.00
Credit/Debit or ATM Card:	Taxes	8059.71
(877) 361-4927 or visit our	Total Current Utility Charges	217030.47
website at:	<b>Product &amp; Services</b>	
www.northwesternenergy.com	Monthly Fixed Charges	0.00
	Other charges	7477.98 CR
	Other Taxes	0.00
	Adjustments	0.00
	Late Payment Fee	0.00
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	191176.87

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Account Number	0215605-7
Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$191176.87
Amount Paid	

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**Products and Services**

**Other Charges**

OPT L DISC CORR	1779.37 CR
Primary Metering Discount	1315.02 CR
Option L Corr - Dec. Bill	278.36
Prim Mtr Discount Apr	1454.52 CR
Prim Mtr Discount Aug	1618.72 CR
Prim Mtr Discount Jul	1588.71 CR

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates From	To	Days	Meter Readings Previous - Current	Mult	Usage	Units	Amount
34L8% Elec Commercial Serv	Act	1078397	01/23	02/25	33	70134 70930	2400	1910400.00	KWH	
										Energy Charge 35778.68
										Carbon Tax 102110.88
										Option L discount 8% 3274.16 CR
										Elec Fuel Purchase Power 45538.72
		1078397		02/25	33	1.75		4207.20	DEM	27371.58
		1078397	01/23	02/25	33	67840 68552		870207.85	QHR	
						Power Factor Correction (Factor.9100)				1445.06
						Service Total				208970.76
	Act	1067243	03/26	04/24	29	28 28	2400	.00	KWHA	
		1067243		04/24	29			.00	DEM	
		1067243	03/26	04/24	29	12 12		.00	KVR	

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**Products and Services**

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates From	To	Days	Meter Readings Previous - Current	Mult	Usage	Units	Amount	
		1067243	03/26	04/24	29	12 12		.00	KVR		
			Power Factor Correction (Factor.0000)								0.00
						Service Total				0.00	
State Sales Tax		8059.71						Total Taxes	8059.71		

# NorthWestern Energy

Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
LARGE RETAIL STORE 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		1313452-3	
		<b>Billing Date</b>	03/20/2009

### Account Activity

#### Energy Costs

Elec Cost Per Day 1086.24  
Gas Cost Per Day 302.51

#### Information Center

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Previous Balance 40973.13  
Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You 0.00

#### Utilities Services

Outdoor Lighting 0.00  
Electric 33673.32  
Natural Gas 9377.70  
Taxes 2583.33  
Total Current Utility Charges 45634.35

#### Product & Services

Monthly Fixed Charges 0.00  
Other charges 4.60  
Other Taxes 0.00

Adjustments 0.00

Late Payment Fee 411.73

**Total Amount Due**

87023.81

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Account Number	1313452-3
Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$87023.81

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**Products and Services**

**Other Charges**

OPTION L DISC CORRECT 4.60

**Utility Billing Detail**

Rate	Read Code	Meter No	Read Dates From	To	Days	Meter Readings Previous - Current	Mult	Usage	Units	Amount
34L8% Elec Commercial Serv	Act	1065545	02/13	03/16	31	24705 25369	500	332000.00	KWH	
										5253.25
										17745.40
										740.96 CR
										7406.92
		1065545		03/16	31	1.09		548.50	DEM	3952.34
		1065545	02/13	03/16	31	9424 9670	500	123000.00	KVR	
						Power Factor Correction (Factor.9377)				56.37
						Service Total				33673.32
84A Commercial/Industria	Act	2040733	02/13	03/16	31	44351 61073	1	16722.00	CCF	
								16889.00	THRMS	
										2016.85
										7360.85
						Service Total				9377.70
State Sales Tax	1722.22	City Sales Tax	861.11					Total Taxes	2583.33	

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Customer Name/Service Address		Account Number	
GRAIN ELEVATOR 1400 MAIN ST HURON SD		4508116-3	
		<b>Billing Date</b>	03/20/2009

Account Activity		
<b>Energy Costs</b>	Previous Balance	1043.64
Elec Cost Per Day 42.72	Payments Received Through 03/20/2009 - Thank You	1043.64 CR
Gas Cost Per Day 0.00		
<b>Information Center</b>	<b>Utilities Services</b>	
Pay by Phone Options:	Outdoor Lighting 0.00	
Checking, Savings or Money	Electric 1907.90	
Market: (800) 218-4959	Natural Gas 0.00	
Credit/Debit or ATM Card:	Taxes 46.14	
(877) 361-4927 or visit our	Total Current Utility Charges	1954.04
website at:	<b>Product &amp; Services</b>	
www.northwesternenergy.com	Monthly Fixed Charges	0.00
	Other charges	754.40 CR
	Other Taxes	0.00
	Adjustments	0.00
	Late Payment Fee	0.00
	<b>Total Amount Due</b>	1199.64

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Account Number	4508116-3
Date Due	04/09/2009
Please Pay This Amount	\$1199.64
Amount Paid	

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