

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA )  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL )  
OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS )  
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**ORDER APPROVING  
CONTRACT WITH  
DEVIATIONS**

**EL14-064**

On July 15, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of a contract with deviations and associated tariff revisions on less than 30 days' notice to extend single-phase electric distribution service to Paul Larson's (customer) cattle barn site in Willow Lake, SD. NorthWestern will install, or arrange for the installation of, approximately 1,700 feet of underground, single-phase primary to the site of the customer's cattle barn. NorthWestern requested an effective date of August 6, 2014, and that the tariff be approved on less than 30 days' notice. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

On July 17, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 1, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-38A-8.3, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:09, 20:10:13:10, 20:10:13:20, and 20:10:13:21.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 6, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations is just and reasonable and in the public interest for service rendered on or after August 6, 2014, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a contract with deviations is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the above-referenced tariff sheet is approved on less than 30 days' notice and is effective for services rendered on and after August 6, 2014.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.	
By:	<u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date:	<u>08.11.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner