

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA ) ORDER APPROVING  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A ) CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS  
CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS )  
EL14-109**

On December 31, 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 with South Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC and of a revised tariff sheet. The proposed contract with deviations would discount the electric rate given to SD Soybean Processors, LLC for an interim period in order to assist in restarting the former Miller Oil Seed Processing Plant. NorthWestern proposes an effective date of February 1, 2015. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

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

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

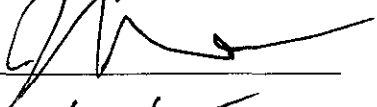
On December 31, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 16, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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, and 49-34A-12 and ARSD 20:10:13:09 and 20:10:13:10.


At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations and associated tariff sheet is just and reasonable and in the public interest for service rendered on or after February 1, 2015, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the request. It is therefore

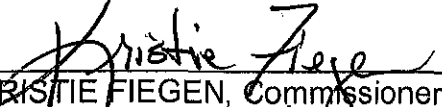
**ORDERED**, that the request seeking approval of a contract with deviations is hereby granted and is effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

<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 or by mail.
By: 
Date: <u>2/5/15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner