

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS )  
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**ORDER APPROVING  
CUSTOMER BILL FORMAT  
TARIFF REVISIONS  
  
GE13-002**

On July 25, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) requesting approval of tariff revisions to revise its customer bill formats for electric and natural gas service in connection with its installation of a new billing system. On August 26, 2013, NWE submitted revised customer bill format tariff sheets in response to comments by the Commission's staff (Staff). The revised tariff sheets are:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 6

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

7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1

Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 6

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

7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1

Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1

On August 1, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 16, 2013, 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 Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-1(13), 49-34A-4, and 49-34A-10 through 49-34A-13, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the customer bill format tariff sheets with the revisions requested by Staff. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2013. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NWE's revised customer bill format tariff sheets as set forth above are hereby approved effective for service on and after September 1, 2013.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

<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>[Signature]</u>
Date:	<u>8.27.13</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner