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October 25, 2011

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to Section No. 3, Sheet No. 33.1 (5) of NorthWestern's Electric Tariff, enclosed is 273rd Revised Sheet No. 33a and 54th Revised Sheet No. 33b.

Sheet Nos. 33a and 33b reflect changes in the delivered cost of fuel, delivered cost of energy and ad valorem taxes paid to be effective November 2, 2011.

The effect of Sheet Nos. 33a and 33b for a typical Rate 10 residential service customer using 750 Kwh per month would be an increase in the cost from \$73.21 to \$74.75.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes, please advise.

Sincerely,

Jeff J. Decker

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**SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

**NORTHWESTERN ENERGY  
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SOUTH DAKOTA**

Section No. 3  
Sheet No. 33a  
273rd Revised  
Canceling 272nd Revised Sheet No. 33a

**ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES**

Per KWH  
Per Month

Delivered Cost of Energy - Energy Charge:

Rate No. 10 - Residential Service .....	\$0.00484 (I)
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating .....	\$0.00484 (I)
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling .....	\$0.00484 (I)
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services .....	\$0.00484 (I)
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 21 - General Service .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service .....	\$0.00527 (I)
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service .....	\$0.00441 (I)
Rate No. 70 - Contolled Off Peak Service .....	\$0.00370 (I)
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting .....	\$0.00484 (I)

Per KW  
Per Month

Delivered Cost of Energy - Demand Charge:

Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service .....	\$1.14 (I)
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service .....	\$1.14 (I)

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**SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

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HURON  
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Section No. 3  
Sheet No.33b  
Sheet No. 33b

54th Revised  
Canceling 53rd Revised

**ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES (cont'd)**

Per KWH  
Per Month

Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Energy Charge

Rate No. 10 - Residential Service.....	\$0.00264 (I)
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating.....	\$0.00264 (I)
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00264 (I)
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services.....	\$0.00264 (I)
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 21 - General Service.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service.....	\$0.00287 (I)
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service.....	\$0.00242 (I)
Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service.....	\$0.00204 (I)
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting.....	\$0.00267 (I)

Per KW  
Per Month

Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Demand Charge:

Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service.....	\$0.62 (I)
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service.....	\$0.62 (I)

Per KWH  
Per Month

Delivered Cost of Fuel - All Energy Usage:

All Rate Schedules.....	\$0.02479 (I)
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