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July 31, 2012

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 276th Revised Sheet No. 33a and 57th 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 August 2, 2012.

The effect of Sheet Nos. 33a and 33b for a typical Rate 10 residential service customer using 750 Kwh per month would be a decrease in the cost from \$76.18 to \$75.79.

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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Section No. 3
Sheet No. 33a
276th Revised
Canceling 275th Revised **Sheet No. 33a**

ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

Per KWH
Per Month

Delivered Cost of Energy - Energy Charge:

Rate No. 10 - Residential Service	\$0.00446 (R)
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating.....	\$0.00446 (R)
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling	\$0.00446 (R)
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services.....	\$0.00446 (R)
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 21 - General Service	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating.....	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service	\$0.00485 (R)
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service	\$0.00406 (R)
Rate No. 70 - Contolled Off Peak Service	\$0.00343 (R)
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting	\$0.00446 (R)

Per KW
Per Month

Delivered Cost of Energy - Demand Charge:

Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service	\$1.05
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service	\$1.05

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Section No. 3
Sheet No.33b
57th Revised
Canceling 56th Revised Sheet No. 33b

ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES (cont'd)

	Per KWH <u>Per Month</u>
<u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Energy Charge</u>	
Rate No. 10 - Residential Service.....	\$0.00313 (R)
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating.....	\$0.00313 (R)
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00313 (R)
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services.....	\$0.00313 (R)
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 21 - General Service.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service.....	\$0.00340 (R)
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service.....	\$0.00287 (R)
Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service.....	\$0.00240
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting.....	\$0.00317 (R)

	Per KW <u>Per Month</u>
<u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Demand Charge:</u>	
Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service.....	\$0.74
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service.....	\$0.74

	Per KWH <u>Per Month</u>
<u>Delivered Cost of Fuel - All Energy Usage:</u>	
All Rate Schedules.....	\$0.02607 (R)

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