



October 2, 2015

via US Mail

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, SD

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to Section No. 3, Sheet No. 33.1 (5) of NorthWestern's Electric Tariff, enclosed is 70th Revised Sheet No. 33b.

Sheet Number 33b reflects changes in the delivered cost of fuel to be effective October 2, 2015. This special fuel adjustment update provides for the inclusion of the Production Tax Credits from the Beethoven Wind Facility. The annual PTC amount of \$11,839,372 has been placed into the tracker as a reduction to fuel and purchased power costs.

The effect of this adjustment for a typical Rate 10 residential service customer using 750 Kwh per month will be a decrease in the monthly cost of \$5.21. The new monthly cost effective October 2, 2015 is \$88.74. This includes the interim rate increase that became effective July 1, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

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SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	Section No. 3
SIOUX FALLS	70th Revised Sheet No. 33b
SOUTH DAKOTA	Canceling 69th 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.....	\$0.00366
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating.....	\$0.00366
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00366
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services	\$0.00366
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service	\$0.00398
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00398
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00398
Rate No. 21 - General Service	\$0.00398
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating.....	\$0.00398
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling	\$0.00398
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service	\$0.00398
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service.....	\$0.00336
Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service	\$0.00282
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting.....	\$0.00371

	Per KW <u>Per Month</u>
<u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Demand Charge:</u>	
Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service	\$0.86
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service	\$0.86

	Per KWH <u>Per Month</u>
<u>Delivered Cost of Fuel - All Energy Usage:</u>	
All Rate Schedules	\$0.02222

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