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July 20, 2010

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
S. D. Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: NorthWestern Corporation Proposed Contract With Deviation PUC Docket EL10-____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this letter, NorthWestern Corporation (“NorthWestern” or the “Company”), doing business as NorthWestern Energy, is filing with the Commission a proposed electric contract with deviation. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:39, the Company states:

(1) The documents submitted with this filing include:

- The Application for Tariff Change and Report in Support of Tariff Filing of NorthWestern (the “Report”), pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26;
- The proposed revised tariff schedule, Section 4, Sheet 1. 7th Revised
- A map of the proposed route
- Schedules detailing the cost of the project
- A copy of the contract between NorthWestern and the Customer.

(2) The proposed effective date for the new tariff is July 27, 2010. The Company requests the Commission approve this contract with deviation on less than thirty days notice. The company plans to begin construction as soon as it receives PUC approval.

(3) The names and addresses of those to who copies of the rate schedule have been mailed:

Mr. Kynan Trail MD
Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital
2601 Fox Run Parkway
Yankton, SD 57078

(4) Brief description of the proposed changes in rates:

NorthWestern is proposing the contract with deviation to add a second transformer that will serve a proposed addition at the Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital. The hospital has requested that the company install an additional transformer as opposed to replacing the existing transformer. This results in additional costs that the Hospital has agreed to pay.

NorthWestern will install, or arrange for the installation of, approximately 499 feet of underground cable. In addition a 500 KVA transformer, Elbow Cabinet and additional appurtenances will be installed and owned by NorthWestern.

The estimated cost of the project is \$21,225. The Customer agrees to pay for the actual project costs within 14 days of project completion.

(5) Reasons for the proposed changes:

The reason for the proposed change is the customer's need for electric service for their proposed addition.

(6) Number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual changes in cost of service to such customers:

Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital will be the only customer impacted by this filing.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Decker
Regulatory Analyst

EXHIBIT A

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern" or the "Company"), and pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are the Electric Service Agreement between Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital (the "Customer"), dated July 8, 2010 (the "Contract"), and the work papers containing the Company's anticipated costs to construct facilities to the Customer's facilities;
- 2) The Company requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the Contract and work papers indefinitely, or a minimum of ten years
- 3) The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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- 4) The grounds for confidentiality are that the Contract and Work papers provide proprietary information concerning both the Company and the Customer, including the pricing of electric service, the costs of construction for the facilities to serve the Customer, etc. Sharing this information to third parties may provide competitive advantages to the competitors for both NorthWestern and the Customer.
- 5) As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4) above.

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	Section No. 4
HURON	<u>7th Revised</u> Sheet No. 1
SOUTH DAKOTA	<u>Canceling 6th Revised</u> Sheet No. 1

Contracts With Deviations

1. Redfield Ethanol Plant – Redfield
Execution – 01/23/2006
Expiration – 5 years, commencing with Plant Start-Up date.

2. B.N. & S.F. Railroad – Yankton
Execution – 04/14/2010
Expiration – Upon completion of construction.

3. Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital – Yankton (N)
Execution – 07/08/2010 (N)
Expiration – Upon completion of construction. (N)

Date Filed: <u>July 20, 2010</u>	Service on or after
	Effective Date: <u>July 27, 2010</u>