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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 EL11-___

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. 8th 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 26, 2011. 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. Mark Labrie
17275 SD Highway 37
Frankfort, SD 57440-6804

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

NorthWestern is proposing the contract with deviation to extend electric distribution service to the agricultural business of Mark Labrie. NorthWestern will install, or arrange for the installation of a third phase from the Frankfort Substation to intersection of Highways 37 & 212. Further, the installation will include, approximately 4,200 feet of underground three phase primary to the Labrie farm site.

The estimated cost of the project is \$90,741. Due to the projected increased electric usage from this project, the customer will pay for only a portion of this construction project. The Customer agrees to pay for \$9,592 of the actual project costs within 14 days of project completion. The calculation to derive the customer payment amount is shown in Exhibit B.

(5) Reasons for the proposed changes:

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

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

Mark Labrie will be the only customer impacted by this filing.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Decker
Regulatory Analyst