

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF :  
CONSOLIDATED EDISON DEVELOPMENT, :  
INC., AGAINST NORTHWESTERN :  
CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN :  
ENERGY REGARDING AVOIDED COST :  
AND FOR THE BRULE COUNTY, WIND, :  
LLC, AURORA COUNTY WIND, LLC, AND :  
DAVISON COUNTY WIND, LLC PROJECTS :

Docket No.-El-16-021

**ORDER  
CONCLUDING CASE**

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On August 23, 2017, NorthWestern Corporation calculated its levelized avoided cost rate (including payment for capacity, recapture of interconnection upgrade costs, regulation expense but not including renewable energy credits) for the Brule County, Aurora County, and Davison County Wind Energy Projects as \$26.91 per megawatt hour employing a June 23, 2016, legally enforceable obligation date. Consolidated Edison Development, Inc. has advised NorthWestern and the Commission that it accepts NorthWestern’s avoided cost rate of \$26.91 based on a legally enforceable obligation date of June 23, 2016.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed as follows:

1. The levelized avoided cost rate for the Brule County, Aurora County, and Davison County Wind Energy Projects shall be \$26.91.
2. The legally enforceable obligation date shall be June 23, 2016.
3. The avoided cost rate includes payment for capacity, NorthWestern’s recapture of interconnection upgrade costs, and regulation expense, but does not include renewable energy credits, which will remain with Consolidated Edison Development, Inc.

4. Further findings of fact and conclusions of law are unnecessary given the acceptance of the rate by Consolidated Edison Development, Inc.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

By Order of the Commission:

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Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson

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Gary Hanson, Commissioner

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Chris Nelson, Commissioner