



April 25, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD, 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached are revised tariff sheets, reflecting the rates required to recover from or refund to customers the remaining costs/credits in NorthWestern's DSM trackers. NorthWestern requests approval of the following tariff sheets in docket GE16-005:

Electric tariff Section 3, sheet 36, 7th revised effective May 1, 2017
Natural Gas section 3, sheet 11, 7th revised effective May 1, 2017.

Following the completion of the refund tariff on May 31, the tariff sheets requested to be updated are as follows:

Electric tariff Section 3, sheet 36 8th revised effective June 1, 2017
Electric tariff Section 1, sheet 1 16th revised effective June 1, 2017
Natural Gas section 3, sheet 11, 8th revised effective June 1, 2017
Natural Gas section 1, sheet 1, 33rd revised effective June 1, 2017.

Upon completion of the recovery/refund billings, NorthWestern requests that any balances remaining in its tracker accounts be maintained with interest until the next general rate filing. The tracker amount will then be included in the cost of service for that filing. NorthWestern also requests that if the balances remaining reflect an immaterial amount receivable from customers, NorthWestern would be allowed to write-off that immaterial amount to non-recoverable expense.

In addition to the tariff sheets, included in this filing are updated spreadsheets (Attachment C) showing the recovery of the tracker balances. Of note in the March column in both sheets is a credit for the current value of the two vans used in the Energy Efficiency programs. Attachment D contains the information that will be printed on customer's bills in the message box during the month of May.

Sincerely,

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