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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE;  
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE ) ORDER FOR AND NOTICE  
COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISIONS. ) OF HEARING  
) NG96-015  
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On July 2, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) of revised tariff sheets to be included in the company's Natural Gas Rate Book. According to NWPS, these tariff revisions are proposed in response to market conditions in the competitive natural gas industry.

~~On July 17, 1996, the Commission issued an Order granting a Petition to Intervene in PAM Natural Gas~~

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.2, and 49-34A-21. Intervention is governed by SDCL §1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01.15.02 through 20:10:01.15.05.

The issue before the Commission will be whether to approve a settlement agreement reached between NWPS, PAM Natural Gas and staff. Further, the Commission will hear evidence regarding rate inclusion of manufactured gas site remediation costs.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to attend and represent themselves or be represented by an attorney. However, such rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the final decision will be based solely on testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a final decision will be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20.

The Commission, after examining the evidence and hearing testimony presented by the parties, shall make Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and its final decision. The final decision made by the Commission may be appealed by the parties. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing shall be held at 2:00 p.m., November 5, 1996, in Room 412 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-

At least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you

**STATEMENT OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the enclosed has been served truly upon all parties of record in the within us based on the dearest service set to forward it to last stage read in properly addressed envelopes with charges prepaid thereon

*William J. Bullard, Jr.*

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:  
Commissioners Stofferahn, Burg,  
Schoenfelder

*William J. Bullard, Jr.*

WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.  
Executive Director