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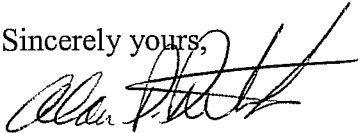
Ms. Pamela Bonrud  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket No. NG05-008

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

I am enclosing 10 copies of revised tariffs in this matter, which have been revised pursuant to conversations that the Company has had with Staff during its review of the filing. We plan to have personnel present at Tuesday's Commission meeting to answer any questions and to support the tariff filing.

Sincerely yours,

  
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**CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial**  
**RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service**

**Rate No. 86**

**1. Applicability**

This rate is available for gas volumes, on a contract basis, to commercial and industrial customers, including governmental entities. If no historical peak day usage is available, the nameplate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

**2. Availability**

This service is available to commercial and industrial customers, including governmental entities, with facilities served by the Company in South Dakota, with primarily space heating requirements, who have Company installed telemetric equipment in place to monitor daily usage. This service is available on either a firm or interruptible basis.

**3. Rates**

Customer may choose the rate option, and level of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms), which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges:

	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>
<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	<u>\$ 130.00</u>	<u>\$330.00</u>
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm:	<u>\$0.0388</u>	<u>\$0.0204</u>
<i>Demand Charge</i> per therm of daily contract demand as shown on Sheet 9a, as applicable to firm service customers, never less than 50 therms.		

Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the Company and customer all elections must be for a minimum period of twelve consecutive months.

Released Capacity and Balancing Services Surcharge:

For all therms taken during a month in excess of the product of the daily contract demand times the number of days in the billing period an additional \$0.0170 per therm shall be assessed and added to the Gas Commodity Charge shown on Sheet No. 9a.

Such surcharges collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

One-Time Charges:

Application Charge: \$50.00 with each request for service.  
Telemetry: Standard cost of telemetry, installation and hardware, including appropriate tax gross-up, shall be \$2,100 per unit installed.

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**RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service**

**Rate No. 86**

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Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge plus the amount for therms of contract demand.

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

**4. Surcharge Provision**

During curtailment of service, upstream service providers may have available to the Company gas under a different and higher-priced rate than the cost of gas on which this rate is based. In addition, the Company may have propane peak shaving gas available. The surcharge rate per therm for propane peak shaving will be based on beginning of month average propane inventory cost in South Dakota. Should such higher-priced gas be available, the Company may offer it to customers served by this rate schedule with an appropriate surcharge to recover the Company's additional costs in lieu of curtailing service under this rate schedule. All surcharge gas charges collected will be in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. Costs collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

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**CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial**  
**RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service**

**Rate No. 86**

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**5. Curtailment of Service**

Service, other than firm service, which is rendered under this rate schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company in accordance with the priority guidelines set forth in the Company's General Terms and Conditions, Section No. 5, Sheet No. 5.2. The Customer shall, as directed, curtail the use of natural gas in excess of firm contracted volumes upon two (2) hours notice by the Company, unless the notification is waived by the Customer. All unauthorized gas in excess of Contract Demand so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in excess of authorized limitations, in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas.

All Penalty Gas costs collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

**6. Gas Contracting Period**

The gas contracting period will be April 1 – October 15 for the following November – April winter period. Gas contracts will be offered from 1 to 5 different times, at the Company's Gas Supply Department's discretion. During such offering periods, the Company will designate the price at which gas can be obtained for the winter period, and a customer may choose to select and contract for such price.

**7. True-Up Mechanism**

Rate 86 customers will have their own over/under recovery true-up mechanism. Balances will be collected over a 12 month period and will be reviewed monthly. The updated commodity rate will be filed monthly with the Commission. Customers choosing to leave the rate 86 tariff will be responsible for their pro rata share of the true-up balance at the time of their leaving rate 86 service.

**8. Other Provisions**

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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**CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial Rate No. 86**

**RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service**

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9. **Contract:** Customer shall execute a written Service Request Form for transportation of customer-owned gas hereunder.
10. **Minimum Term:** The minimum term of the Service Request Form shall be one year. The Company, at its sole discretion, may allow a term less than one year. Should the Company file tariff changes or be ordered by the Commission to change this transportation tariff, Company will, at Customer's request, waive the one year minimum term and six month's notice of termination requirements.
11. **Filing:** Transportation will not commence until the Customer files with the Company a completed Service Request Form and all other applicable documentation.
12. **Metering:** In order to utilize the services provided under this Tariff, automatic metering equipment is required. All costs related to telemetering and any other facilities constructed or installed to provide any Transportation Service will be charged to the Customer but will remain the property of Company. The Customer will be required to provide telephone or other interfaces agreed to by the Company and electric connections, if necessary, to the meter and provide access to the Company for maintaining and operating such equipment.
13. **Request for Service:**
  - (a) Requests for service under this Tariff must be made by filing with the Company the information required on the form entitled "Service Request Form".
  - (b) Service under this Tariff will begin on the first of the month following a date which is thirty (30) days after the Service Request Form, and all additional information has been received by the Company. The Company may, at its sole discretion, reduce the request for service requirements.

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**CLASS OF SERVICE:** Commercial and Industrial Rate No. 86

**RATE DESIGNATION:** Contract Sales Service

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14. **Successors and Assigns:** Any party which shall succeed by purchase, merger, or consolidation to the properties, substantially as an entirety, of any Customer shall be subject to the obligations of its predecessor in title under a Contract. No other assignment of a Contract or any of the rights or obligations hereunder shall be made unless there first shall have been obtained the consent thereto of the non-assigning party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any party may assign its respective right, title, and interest in and to and under a Contract to a trustee or trustees, individual or corporate, as security for bonds or other obligations or securities without the necessity of any such assignee becoming in any respect obligated to perform the obligation of the assignor under a Contract and, if any such trustee be a corporation, without its being required to qualify to do business in any state in which performance of a Contract may occur.
15. **Return to Other Service Options:** Service is available under this Tariff at the Customer's option. If a Customer subsequently seeks to purchase system gas on a firm or interruptible basis, the Company shall grant such request only if, and to the extent that adequate System capacity, interstate transportation and supplies are available. The customer will be responsible for their pro rata share of the true-up balance. Customer has the option to make a one lump sum payment or pay through a surcharge over the following 12 months.
16. **Reference to Sales Tariff:** For all areas not addressed in this Tariff, such as Billing and Payments, the terms of the Service Rules and Regulations Section of the Company's sales tariff shall apply.

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

- (1) The commodity charge shall be increased or decreased by an adjustment amount per therm equal to the difference between the delivered cost of natural gas, ad valorem taxes paid and Commission approved fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25 ("qualified costs") per therm of sales or throughput, or designated portions thereof as identified herein, and the base cost per therm included in applicable standard base rates, if any.
- (2) Qualified costs include:
  - (I) Delivered cost of energy:
    - (a) The cost of natural gas delivered to the distribution system including all costs incurred in procuring gas supply upstream of the Company's distribution facilities including, but not limited to, gas commodity cost, balancing, transportation, supply management fees, storage costs and peaking services, etc.
    - (b) Any refund, including interest thereon, received by the Company from a pipeline transporter of charges paid and applicable to natural gas purchased for resale shall be refunded to the customer as a reduction in billings over the succeeding twelve month period or other period determined appropriate. However, in a case where a refund exceeds \$500,000, the Company shall file a refund for Commission review and approval.
    - (c) Net revenues collected from settlement of transportation imbalances, over/under delivery charges for imbalances, additional charges collected for imbalances, transportation fuel retention, Rate No. 84, 85 and 86 (T) penalties and surcharges, charges for daily balancing service, and any other similar recovery of gas supply related costs will be credited to actual cost incurred. In addition, the Company will credit actual cost incurred for all recoveries of Gas Demand under Rate Nos. 84, 85, 86 (T) and 87, and Commodity Charges under Rate Nos. 84, 85 and 87, shown on Sheet Nos. 9a and 9b. Resulting under or over cost recoveries will be spread to Rate Nos. 81 and 82 sales over the last twelve months of the first thirteen month period following the incurrence of the cost recovery variance through re-entry in the Adjustment Clause calculation in the second month following the incurrence of the cost recovery variance.

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**ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES**

<u>Delivered Cost of Energy</u>	PerTherm Per Month
Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$ .67983
Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$ .67983

Rate No. 84, 86 - Commercial and Industrial-Firm & Contract Sales Service (T)

Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms)

*NNG Pipeline Capacity Costs*

	<u>NNG Rate/Therm</u>	
28.48% of TF12 Base	\$0.6131	\$ 0.17
23.39% of TF12 Variable	\$0.7358	0.17
14.41% of TF5	\$1.2261	0.18
0.00% of TFX4	\$1.2261	0.00
0.78% of TFX3	\$1.2261	0.01
6.01% of TFX7	\$1.0072	0.06
GRI Fee	\$0.0090	0.01
SBA Surcharge	\$0.0149	0.02
GSR Surcharge	\$0.0000	0.00
Order 528 Surcharge	\$0.0000	0.00
Stranded 858 Surcharge	\$0.0000	<u>\$0.00</u>
<i>Total Pipeline Capacity Costs</i>		\$ 0.62
<i>Supply Standby</i>		0.07
<i>Balancing Services</i>		<u>0.09</u>
Total Demand Charge		<u>\$ 0.78</u>

The above percentages are based on the Company's contract demand profile with NNG (62,458 MMBtu.)

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>MMBtu Demand</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
TF12 Base	17,517		28.48%
TF12 Variable	14,385		23.39%
TF5	21,267	(1)	34.58%
TFX7	6,425	(2)	10.45%
TFX4	0	(3)	0.00%
TFX3	1,910	(4)	3.11%
<i>Totals</i>	<i>61,504</i>		100.00%

- (1) Service is contracted for 5 months (14.41% is 5/12 ths of 34.58%)
- (2) Service is contracted for 7 months (6.01% is 7/12 ths of 10.45%)
- (3) Service is contracted for 4 months (0.00% is 4/12 ths of 0.00%)
- (4) Service is contracted for 3 months (0.78% is 3/12 ths of 3.11%)

**Gas Commodity Charge**

<i>Gas Supply</i> - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of <i>Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report</i> published for the month of billing	\$ 0.4820
<i>Fuel Use</i> - 1.87% NNG and 1.08% Company L&U	0.0145
<i>Gas Supply Management Fee</i>	0.0040
<i>Pipeline Transportation Charges</i>	<u>0.0020</u>
Total Gas Component Charge	<u>\$ 0.5025</u>

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**ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES(Con't)**

	Per Therm Per Month
<u>Delivered Cost of Energy (Con't):</u>	
Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial-Interruptible Sales Service	
Gas Commodity Charge	
<i>Gas Supply</i> - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of <u>Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report</u> published for the month of billing	\$ 0.4820
<i>Fuel Use</i> - 1.87% NNG and 1.08% Company L&U	0.0145
<i>Gas Supply Management Fee</i>	0.0020
<i>Released Capacity Surcharge</i>	0.0140
<i>Balancing Services</i>	0.0030
<i>Pipeline Transportation Charges</i>	<u>0.0040</u>
Total Gas Component Charge	<u>\$ 0.5195</u>
 Rate No. 86 – Gas Contract Sales Service	
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 1	<u>\$ 0.5025 (N)</u>
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 2	<u>\$ 0.5025 (N)</u>
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 3	<u>\$ 0.5025 (N)</u>
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 4	<u>\$ 0.5025 (N)</u>
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 5	<u>\$ 0.5025 (N)</u>
Rate No. 86 Index	\$ 0.5025 (N)
Rate No. 86 True-up Surcharge	\$ 0.0000 (N)
 Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Firm Supply Standby Service	
Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand	
Rate No. 84 supply standby costs	\$ 0.07
Rate No. 84 pipeline capacity costs	<u>0.62</u>
Total Demand Charge	<u>\$ 0.69</u>
Gas Commodity Charge	
Rate No. 84 Gas Commodity Charge	<u>\$ 0.5025</u>
 <u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid:</u>	
Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service	
Commodity Charge	\$ 0.0170
Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service	
Commodity Charge	\$ 0.0108
Rate No. 84 - Commercial and Industrial - Firm Sales Service	
Commodity Charge - Option A	\$ 0.0070
Commodity Charge - Option B	\$ 0.0046
Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial - Interruptible Sales Service	
Commodity Charge - Option A	\$ 0.0070
Commodity Charge - Option B	\$ 0.0046
Rate No. 86 – Contract Sales Service	<u>(N)</u>
Commodity Charge - Option A	\$ 0.0070 <u>(N)</u>
Commodity Charge - Option B	\$ 0.0046 <u>(N)</u>
Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Service	
Commodity Charge - Option A	\$ 0.0070
Commodity Charge - Option B	\$ 0.0046

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Service Request Form

This form shall constitute the Customer's Agreement to the terms of the Gas Contract Sales Tariff. The Company shall have the right, to file for, and seek approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission of, changes in rates, charges or other tariff provisions applicable to service hereunder and to place such changes in effect in accordance with applicable law; and this Agreement shall be deemed to have been amended to include such changes and any other changes which become effective by operation of law or by order of any governmental body with jurisdiction.

This agreement shall become effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, and shall be in effect for a primary term of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) from such date, and from year to year thereafter, unless and until terminated by either party upon six (6) months' written notice.

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Address - Gas Delivery Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Email Address - Notices: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Address - Invoices: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Point (NWE TBS): \_\_\_\_\_ Meter Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Contract Demand: Therms/Day \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Service Request Form as of the day and year set forth below.

Company NorthWestern Energy Customer  
By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fixed Price Gas Contract for Purchase and Delivery of Natural Gas to \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Agreement and Service:**

This Agreement is made and entered this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, to be effective \_\_\_\_\_ by and between NorthWestern Energy, a division of NorthWestern Corporation, a South Dakota corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Seller", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as (Buyer). Seller will provide a natural gas supply and management service providing for the purchase and delivery of fixed price natural gas volumes as agreed to by Buyer..

**2. Quantity of Natural Gas:**

Seller will agree to sell and tender natural gas at the existing interconnection between the facilities of NorthWestern Energy ("NWE") and the buyer located near \_\_\_\_\_, South Dakota. Buyer agrees to purchase and receive at this point from Seller, natural gas supplies. Buyer elects to purchase a base load gas quantity ("BLGQ") per month from Seller for the months of November – April. The BLGQ is a fixed commitment, and the level of BLGQ is based on the customers last 3 year average of consumption. Adjustments will be allowed for material changes in the nature of the customers business. , Seller will provide a swing load gas quantity (SLGQ) service, for actual gas usage above or below the base load quantity. All gas purchases for the months May 1 – October 31 will be priced at the monthly Ventura/Demarcation index price.

**3. Price - Gas Supply:**

a. **Commodity Charge Price** The BLGQ fixed rate is established at \_\_\_\_\_ including the gross up for applicable fuel rates for all pipeline and distribution systems utilized in delivery of Buyer's supply. Purchases for consumption beyond the contracted average will be available at this price as well. A true-up for the variance in price will be applied to all Rate 86 customers as stated in b. below.

b. **Rate 86 True-Up Charge / Credit**– The monthly over/under recovery of gas costs from the group of rate 86 customers will be tracked on a monthly basis. The rate for the over/under recovered balance will be adjusted monthly to recover the balance over a 12 month period. This will be shown on as a separate line item on the bill. Any customer leaving the Rate 86 customer group will need to make arrangements to recover their share of the balance upon leaving the rate group, as stated in the Rate 86 tariff.

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4. Term:

The term of this Agreement will be from \_\_\_\_\_ and will expire \_\_\_\_\_

5. Terms of Payment

Bills are due and payable upon receipt and will be delinquent if not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> day after billing. A late payment charge of 1% of the unpaid balance plus a collection fee of \$2.00 will be assessed against any delinquent account having an unpaid balance of \$5.00 or more at the time of processing of the next monthly bill. Where a customer has been disconnected for non-payment of a bill, a reconnection charge will be assessed in accordance with the Company's concurrent connection policy.

APPENDIX A

Original Dated

Gas Management Service Agreement for Purchase and Delivery of Natural Gas between NorthWestern Energy ("seller") and to Customer, Inc. ("Buyer")

Seller and Buyer agree to the following BLGQ volumes

Monthly BLGQ Terms

Month	Year 1 Volume	Year 2 Volume	Year 3 Volume	Average Volume
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				

\* BLGQ can be adjusted with a five-business day notice prior to the month of use.

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Seller: Northwestern Energy  
By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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