

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Consideration of the  
Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

NG09-006

PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy and hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission to grant NorthWestern Energy party status for intervention in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, NorthWestern Energy states as follows:

1. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA of 2007) was signed into law on December 19, 2007. The EISA of 2007 amends Section 303(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) to include new natural gas standards.

2. At the request of Public Utilities Commission Staff, the Commission has opened the above-captioned docket to research and consider the new standards to determine whether they should be implemented in South Dakota.

3. As an investor-owned, rate-regulated public utility serving natural gas customers in South Dakota, NorthWestern Energy as an affected party is subject to the new PURPA standards under the EISA of 2007. NorthWestern Energy requests intervention in order to participate fully in this matter.

4. The interests of NorthWestern Energy are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties. NorthWestern Energy and its stakeholders and ratepayers may be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and its outcome.

**WHEREFORE**, NorthWestern Energy respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition granting it party status in this proceeding.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 13 day of October, 2009.

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

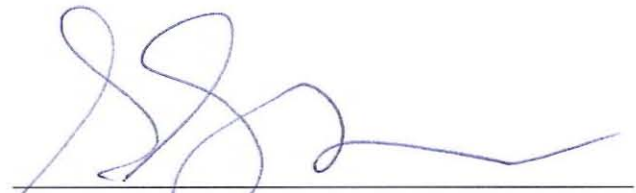
Sara Greff Dannen of NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy hereby certifies that on the 13 day of October, 2009, she transmitted electronically a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known e-mail addresses, to-wit:

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