

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/d/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY Section No. 5
HURON 4th Revised Sheet No. 1a
SOUTH DAKOTA Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 1a

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Seasonal Use Customers (Grain Dryers, Asphalt Plants, Municipal Pools etc.) will be charged \$80 for all Customer Connections during normal business hours defined as 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, and \$125.00 for Customer Connections during other than regular business hours. The Customer Connection Charge shall be paid by the Customer receiving utility service from the Company, and is due and payable upon presentation. If a bill is not paid, the Company shall have the right to refuse service.

5. Owner's Consent To Occupy

In case the Customer is not the owner of the premises or of the intervening property between the premises and the Company's lines, the Customer will obtain from the property owner(s) the necessary consent to install and maintain in said premises all such gas equipment as is necessary or convenient for supplying gas to the Customer.

6. Service & Mains

Residential: For services except mobile homes in mobile home parks, the Company will install a service or main extension along the shortest feasible route from the current gas main to the customer's building upon the customer making a non-refundable contribution, if required, based upon the distance from the eustomer's property line current gas main to the point of service attachment as follows:

For residential customers using natural gas as their primary heating source and for water heating: the customer will be charged a \$90.00 connection fee for the first 150 feet of service pipe. Any distance beyond 150 feet may result in the company requiring an Advance for Construction or a Contribution in Aid of Construction based on the consideration of revenues from the project and the cost of the construction as described in the Economic Feasibility section below.

For residential customers using natural gas for space heating only, fireplace only, water heating only, natural gas grill only, or any combination other than primary space heating and water heating as described above: the Company will consider the total cost of serving the Customer and the expected revenue from the Customer. In this determination, if the project is not economically feasible as described in the Economic Feasibility section below, the Company may require an Advance for Construction or a Contribution in Aid of Construction from the customer to aid in the construction expense to serve the Customer.

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