

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

**NORTHWESTERN ENERGY
HURON
SOUTH DAKOTA**

Section No. 1
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CLASS OF SERVICE: NNG Farm Tap Customers **Rate No. 81M**
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales

1. **Applicability**
 This rate is available to the NNG, former MERC contracted, Farm Tap Customers.

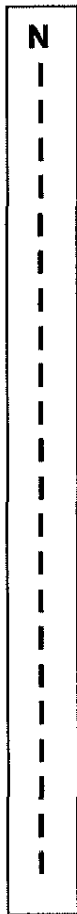
2. **Territory**
 The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. **Rates**
Monthly Charges:

<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	\$ 6.00
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge:</i>	
All Therms, per therm	\$ 0.21005
 <u>Minimum Monthly Bill:</u>	 \$ 6.00

Adjustment Clauses:
 - a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
 - b. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)

4. **Other Provisions**
 Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions.



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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs **Rate No. 87**
RATE DESIGNATION: Standby Service Options

In addition to the other services provided under transportation service, the Company also offers several standby service options. Under these service options the Company agrees to standby, on the terms set forth below, to provide gas supply to the Customer if the Customer is unable to secure all or a portion of the gas supply that the Company has agreed to transport.

1. Firm Supply Standby Service (FSS):

(a) Description - A Customer may elect to receive Firm Supply Standby Service to assure continued gas service when their own gas supply is interrupted. The Customer will be permitted to contract for daily delivery capacity under this standby option. This service is available for an annual period.

(a) Rates - The Gas Demand and Commodity Charge is shown on Sheet No. 9b.
 NBPL Milbank Lateral Large Customer Demand Rate(therm) \$1.08
 NBPL Milbank Lateral MERC Demand Rate(therm) \$0.80
 NBPL Milbank Lateral Further adjusted by distance factor from tap.

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(c) Adjustment of Gas Cost - In connection with the Company's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, the Company will credit overall gas cost based on rates charged in section (b) above. The Company will provide this information under a separate section of the PGA filing.

2. Standby Supply Service (SSS):

(a) Availability - This service is a market based alternative supply service which is available on a reasonable efforts basis to transportation Customers desiring to purchase supply from the Company. This service shall be available to transportation Customers who have lost their source of supply due to an emergency, but shall be available, at Company's discretion, under any other circumstances. Alternative supply may include pipeline authorize overrun service, storage inventories, LNG inventories, LP inventories, or any other supply which may be available from time to time on a reasonable efforts basis in the sole discretion of the Company. This service is only available to Customers who have Company installed telemetric equipment to monitor daily usage. The cost of the telemetric equipment shall be paid by the Customer and shall be equal to the standard cost of the meter, installation and hardware, including tax gross-up, where appropriate.

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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
S. D. Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: P.U.C. S.D. Adoption Notices No. 1
NorthWestern Corporation Proposed Adoption of MERC Farm Tap Natural Gas Rates

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this letter, NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern" or the "Company"), doing business as NorthWestern Energy, seeks Commission approval to adopt the rates of the MERC Farm Tap Customers as prescribed in ARSD 20:10:13:30 and 20:10:13:32. Contingent upon Commission approval, NorthWestern herein files to adopt the rates as charged by MERC.

As stated in the cover letter describing the rate changes associated with the acquisition of the Milbank line, NorthWestern has also filed for approval to utilize its own general terms and conditions as opposed to those of MERC. Utilizing the existing general terms will reduce changes to the Company's billing system required for processing of late payment fees and service charges, thus rendering the service more efficient. Under NorthWestern's general terms and conditions, connect fees are lower, whereas late payment fees are slightly higher, depending on the amount of the delinquent bill.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Decker
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