

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN)
CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS NATURAL GAS TARIFF)
REVISIONS REGARDING REVISED NEW SERVICE)
CONNECTION FEE)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

NG23-001

On January 19, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of its natural gas tariff revisions regarding revised new service connection fees. NorthWestern proposes to remove the new service extension charge for residential customers of \$90 and for mobile home customers within mobile home parks of \$75. The usage from residential and mobile home customers are sufficient to cover NorthWestern's investment in new service extensions. This proposed change will bring residential customers in line with commercial customers who are not subject to the \$90 connection fee.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 5

5th Revised Sheet No. 1a
1st Revised Sheet No. 1b

Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 1a
Canceling Original Sheet No. 1b

Section No. 6

2nd Revised Sheet No. 9.1

Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 9.1

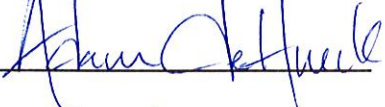
On January 26, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 10, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed, effective March 15, 2023. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions effective March 15, 2023. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet are hereby approved, effective March 15, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of March 2023.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u></u>
Date: <u>3/15/23</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson


GARY HANSON, Commissioner


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner