

**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 A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH)
VALERO RENEWABLE FUELS COMPANY,)
LLC)
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**ORDER APPROVING
CONTRACT WITH
DEVIATIONS AND
APPROVING TARIFF
REVISIONS

NG23-021**

On September 21, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of a contract with deviations with Valero Renewable Fuels Company, LLC (Customer). The Customer currently has a contract with deviations for natural gas transportation service that expires on October 31, 2023. NorthWestern desires to provide this customer with continuing natural gas service after the current five-year agreement expires. This new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain thisCustomer and will benefit NorthWestern and its natural gas customers through recovery of administrative, general and common costs from this Customer. NorthWestern requests approval with an effective date for the tariff revisions of November 1, 2023.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

34th Revised Sheet No. 1 Canceling 33rd Revised Sheet No. 1

On September 28, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 13, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 4, 2023, NorthWestern submitted a revised filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-38A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on October 24, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern’s request for approval of a contract with deviations with Customer and the associated tariff sheet is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern’s request for approval of a contract with deviations and to approve the associated tariff sheet with an effective date of November 1, 2023. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern’s request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with Customer is hereby granted with an effective date of November 1, 2023. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Customer are hereby approved, effective November 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of October 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: Robert M. Reiss

Date: 10/25/2023

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Ziegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner