

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

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| <b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>     | <b>ORDER APPROVING</b>  |
| <b>NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA )</b>       | <b>CONTRACT WITH</b>    |
| <b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL )</b>   | <b>DEVIATIONS AND</b>   |
| <b>OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH )</b> | <b>APPROVING TARIFF</b> |
| <b>SOUTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN PROCESSORS, )</b>   | <b>REVISIONS</b>        |
| <b>LLC )</b>                                |                         |
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| <b>)</b>                                    | <b>NG23-022</b>         |

On September 22, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). NorthWestern requested approval of a natural gas contract with deviations with South Dakota Soybean Processors, 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 10-year agreement expires. This new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain this Customer and will benefit NorthWestern and its natural gas customers through recovery of administrative, general and common costs from this Customer. NorthWestern designed the rate for the renewal term of the Agreement to compete with the economics of a potential bypass, given the Customer’s plant is located within one mile of a Northern Natural Gas (NNG) transportation pipeline. NorthWestern requests approval with an effective date for the tariff revisions of November 1, 2023.

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 2, 2023, NorthWestern filed a revised tariff sheet and confidential transportation service agreement. The revised tariff sheet is as follow:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

35th Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 34th Revised Sheet No. 1

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 are just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern’s request and 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 approved, effective November 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

By: *Anthony M. Reiss*

Date: 10/25/2023

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner