

**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) PARTIAL WAIVER FROM SOUTH DAKOTA) ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 20:10:37:18(1))	ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL WAIVER OF ARSD 20:10:37:18(1) PS23-001
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On June 6, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for a partial waiver of ARSD 20:10:37:18(1) for three renewable natural gas projects involving gas from dairy farms. Specifically, NorthWestern seeks a waiver of the requirement to provide notice to the Commission's Pipeline Safety Program no later than 60 days prior to commencement of construction of a new transmission line. On June 9, 2023, Commission Staff filed a letter supporting the request.

On June 8, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 19, 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 in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34B, specifically 49-34B-24.

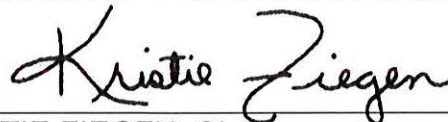
At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the requested partial waiver was reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern's request for partial waiver of ARSD 20:10:37:18(1). It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request for partial waiver of ARSD 20:10:37:18(1) is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of June 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>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>6/23/23</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson



GARY HANSON, Commissioner



CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner