

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	TARIFF REVISIONS
NORTHWESTERN ENEGY FOR APPROVAL)	
OF TARIFF REVISIONS)	EL10-008

On June 29, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) to update the payment schedule for energy; introduce a payment for capacity per KW; and update the terms and conditions in the Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service), Rate No. 73, and the Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service), Rate No. 74. NorthWestern has requested an effective date of September 1, 2010, for the proposed modifications to the rate schedules. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

9 th Revised Sheet No. 30	Canceling 8 th Revised Sheet No. 30
1 st Revised Sheet No 30.1	Canceling Original Sheet No. 30.1
8 th Revised Sheet No. 31	Canceling 7 th Revised Sheet No. 31
1 st Revised Sheet No. 31.1	Canceling Original Sheet No. 31.1

On July 1, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 16, 2010, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12.

At its August 25, 2010, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval to revise NorthWestern's Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service), Rate No. 73, and the Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service), Rate No. 74. The Commission finds the revisions are just and reasonable and approves the revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to update the payment schedule for energy; introduce a payment for capacity per KW; and update the terms and conditions in the Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service), Rate No. 73, and the Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service), Rate No. 74 is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariffs are approved and are effective for services rendered on and after September 1, 2010.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of August, 2010.

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served to pay upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>08/27/10</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner