

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) ORDER APPROVING  
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE ) REVISED BILL FORMAT  
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED BILL )  
FORMAT ) **GE00-001**

On February 10, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Public Service Company (NWPS) requesting approval for its proposed bill format changes. NWPS requested that the proposed bill tariff changes be made effective February 29, 2000, and NWPS also requested that the Commission waive ARSD 20:10:13:20. The revised tariffs are as follows:

Electric Tariff  
Section No. 6

5th Revised Sheet No. 1.1                      Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 1.1

Gas Tariff  
Section No. 6

5th Revised Sheet No. 1.1                      Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 1.1

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 29, 2000, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the bill format tariff sheets effective March 1, 2000, as well as waiver of ARSD 20:10:13:20.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20:10:17:03. The Commission finds the bill format changes to the customers' bills are just and reasonable and approved the changes. Further, the Commission finds that the revisions to the tariff are just and reasonable and shall be approved. The Commission also finds it is appropriate to grant the requested waiver of ARSD 20:10:13:20. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariff schedules are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2000. It is further

ORDERED, that ARSD 20:10:13:20 shall be waived in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Alaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>3/8/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner