

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE) COMPANY FOR A CONTRACT WITH) DEVIATIONS WITH SOUTH DAKOTA) SOYBEAN PROCESSORS)	ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS NG96-018
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On August 30, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northwestern Public Service Company of Huron, South Dakota (NWPS) of its 4th Revised Sheet No. 1, Section No. 4, of NWPS's Natural Gas Tariff, covering Contracts with Deviations.

In the proposed contract, NWPS proposes to serve the South Dakota Soybean Processors plant in Volga, South Dakota. The contract, an agency agreement, includes a transportation service provision with a gas transportation charge and monthly customer charge which was attached as Attachment "A." Said attachment was the item reviewed by the Commission as the contract with deviations. NWPS further requested a waiver of any and all applicable notice requirements.

At a duly noticed ad hoc meeting on September 11, 1996, NWPS explained its filing and provided a justification for the Commission's consideration under the provisions of ARSD 20:10:13:20 for waiver of the notice requirements. The Commission, upon considering the explanation and justification, approved the Contract and the waiver of the notice provisions.

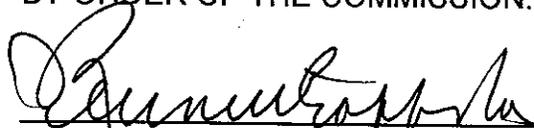
The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that NWPS's Natural Gas Tariff, 4th Revised Sheet No. 1, Section No. 4, covering Contracts with Deviations, is approved, and is effective for billings on and after October 1, 1996.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of September, 1996.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<i>Delaine Kalbo</i>
Date:	<u>9/17/96</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman



JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner



LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner