BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH MILLENNIUM ETHANOL, L.L.C.	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS AND APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS NG07-011**

On April 20, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) requesting approval of a contract with deviations and associated tariff changes for the provision of natural gas service to Millennium Ethanol, L.L.C. The Customer is a large volume user (over 10,000 MMBtu per day) and would normally be served under the transportation tariff rate 87. However, it is required that approximately 32 miles of pipeline be built to serve this customer. The proposed Contract allows for the Customer's contribution for the Company's investment in line extensions necessary to serve the Customer. NWE filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, 18th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 17th Revised Sheet No. 1

On May 22, 2007, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval, conditioned upon NWE providing a report to the Commission of all actual costs of constructing the pipeline extension upon completion and that the Commission finds that this approval does not pre-determine a Commission decision at the time of future rate case proceedings regarding rate treatment concerning possible cost recovery shortfalls resulting from rates approved in this docket.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that NWE's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved conditioned upon NWE providing a report to the Commission of all actual costs of constructing the pipeline extension upon completion and that the Commission finds that this approval does not pre-determine a Commission decision at the time of future rate case proceedings regarding rate treatment concerning possible cost recovery shortfalls resulting from rates approved in this docket. Commissioner Hanson abstained from voting. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted, with the condition that this approval does not pre-determine a Commission decision at the time of future rate case proceedings regarding rate treatment concerning possible cost recovery shortfalls resulting from rates approved in this docket; and it is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 2007.

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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 6/20/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner, abstaining

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner