

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NOTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) REVISIONS
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS TARIFF REVISIONS) NG11-008

On December 30, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Northwestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NWE) to revise its Natural Gas Tariff. NWE proposes to add language so the company may require a customer or customer representative at least the legal age of majority, or 18 years of age, be present at service turn on or be present when performing work inside a customer's facility. NWE is also proposing that when calculating a contribution in aid of construction, the distance of the service will be measured from the company's gas main instead of the customer's property line. On January 5, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 20, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 20, 2012, NWE filed a revised Section 5, sheet 1a of its tariff.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

General Terms Section No. 5, 4th Revised Sheet No. 1 canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 1
General Terms Section No. 5, 4th Revised Sheet No. 1a canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 1a
General Terms Section No. 5, 5th Revised Sheet No. 2 canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 2

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 31, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as revised.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. Finding the tariff revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NWE's revised tariff as described above is approved and shall be effective for services rendered on and after February 1, 2012.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of February, 2012.

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: <u>Joy Keating</u>
Date: <u>2-9-12</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner