

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL) OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH) SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY AND) CORRECTION OF PRAIRIE ETHANOL PLANT) CONTRACT DATE)	ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS AND CORRECTING TARIFF SHEET NG15-004
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On May 20, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval for a contract with deviations with South Dakota State University (SDSU) and associated tariff sheet revision. With this request SDSU would pay a contracted customer and energy charge for a period of 10 years. Also with this filing, NorthWestern proposed to correct a clerical error in the execution date for the Prairie Ethanol Plant on the tariff sheet.

On May 21, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 5, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The revised tariff sheet is as follow:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

22nd Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 21st Revised Sheet No. 1

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-38A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

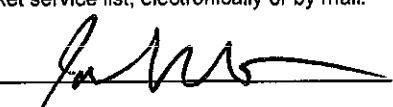
At its regular meeting on June 23, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with SDSU and the associated tariff sheet are just and reasonable and that the revision to the execution date of the contract with deviations with Prairie Ethanol Plant will accurately reflect the contract execution date, the Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern's request for a contract with deviations and approve the associated tariff sheet with an effective date of July 1, 2015.

It is therefore

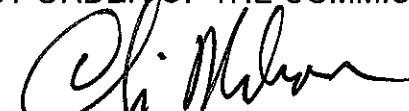
ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with SDSU is hereby granted with an effective date of July 1, 2015, and the revision of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect this contract with deviations is approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the execution date for the contract with deviations with Prairie Ethanol Plant is revised from 012/20/2005 to 12/20/2005 on the above-referenced tariff sheet.

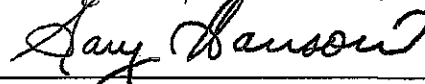
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of June, 2015.

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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 or by mail.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner