

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION ) DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR ) APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO ) ITS BILL FORMAT AND SAMPLE ) FORMS )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS  NG16-005</b>
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On April 20, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of tariff revisions to its Bill Format and Sample Forms for its South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule. Sample form letters being modified include disconnect notices and other customer notices. The bill format change will impact all of NorthWestern's electric customers and the changes to the letters will impact only customers receiving such notification. NorthWestern's proposed effective date for the tariff revisions is June 1, 2016. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 1

9 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling 8 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2
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Section No. 5

5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4	Canceling 4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4
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Section No. 6

9 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling 8 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1
8 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1	Canceling 7 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1
7 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling 6 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3
5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4	Canceling 4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7
6 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9	Canceling 5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11	Canceling 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11
Original Sheet No. 34	

On April 21, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 6, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 24, 2016, the Commission considered this matter but deferred action as the Commission requested additional changes. On May 18 and June 29, 2016, NorthWestern filed revised tariff pages.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-10, and ARSD 20:10:13:12, 20:10:17:03, and 20:10:20:05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 5, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions effective for service rendered on and after July 5, 2016. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are hereby approved effective for service on and after July 5, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

<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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cromer</u>
Date: <u>July 7, 2016</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner