

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS)
LANDLORD CONTINUOUS SERVICE)
AGREEMENT)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS

NG18-005**

On March 2, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of tariff revisions to update the form tariff to include a Continuous Service Agreement between landlords and NorthWestern. This filing will allow NorthWestern's tariff to reflect rights and responsibilities associated with the program. NorthWestern requested an effective date of April 3, 2018. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 1
1st Revised Sheet No. 3

Canceling Original Sheet No. 3

Section No. 6
Original Sheet No. 40
Original Sheet No. 41
Original Sheet No. 42
Original Sheet No. 43

On March 8, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 23, 2018, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 26 and April 11, 2018, NorthWestern responded to Commission staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-10, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 and 20:10:13:39.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with an April 20, 2018, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective April 20, 2018. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective April 20, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of April 2018.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>4/26/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner