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April 3, 2007

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed is the 249th Revised Sheet No. 9a and 147th Revised Sheet No. 9b of Northwestern's Gas Tariff. Sheet Nos. 9a and 9b reflect changes in the costs of purchased gas and ad valorem taxes paid to be effective April 2, 2007.

The effect of Sheet Nos 9a and 9b for a typical space heating customer using 150 therms per month would be a decrease in the cost from $179.00 to $148.54, about 17%.

Application of these new rates will begin with meter readings on and after April 2, 2007.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes, please advise.

Sincerely,

Jeff J. Decker

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Section No. 3
249th Revised Sheet No. 9a
Canceling 248th Revised Sheet No. 9a

ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

Delivered Cost of Energy	PerTherm Per Month
Freeman Customers Gas Commodity Charge (all classes except 85FAM)	$ 0.86164
Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service Gas Commodity Charge	$ 0.79408
Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service Gas Commodity Charge	$ 0.79408

Rate No. 84, 86 - Commercial and Industrial-Firm & Contract Sales Service

Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms)

NNG Pipeline Capacity Costs

	NNG Rate/Therm	
39.39% of TF12 Base	$0.7659	$ 0.30
22.64% of TF12 Variable	$0.9093	0.21
37.98% of TF5	$1.5153	0.24
GRI Fee	$0.0000	0.00
SBA Surcharge	$0.0000	0.00
GSR Surcharge	$0.0000	0.00
Order 528 Surcharge	$0.0000	0.00
Stranded 858 Surcharge	$0.0000	$0.00
Total Pipeline Capacity Costs		$ 0.75
Supply Standby		0.07
Balancing Services		0.09
Total Demand Charge		$ 0.91

The above percentages are based on the Company's contract demand profile with NNG (52,924 MMBtu.)

Rate Schedule	MMBtu Demand		Percentage
TF12 Base	20,845		39.39%
TF12 Variable	11,981		22.64%
TF5	20,098	(1)	37.98%
Totals	*52,924*		100.00%

(1) Service is contracted for 5 months (15.83% is 5/12 ths of 37.98%)

Gas Commodity Charge

Gas Supply - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of *Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report* published for the month of billing	$ 0.6788
Fuel Use - 1.48% NNG and 1.44% Company L&U	0.0203
Gas Supply Management Fee	0.0007
Pipeline Transportation Charges	0.0038
Total Gas Component Charge	$ 0.7036

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Service on or after
Effective Date: April 2, 2007

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES(Con't)

	Per Therm Per Month
Delivered Cost of Energy (Con't):	
Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial-Interruptible Sales Service	
Gas Commodity Charge	
Gas Supply - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of *Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report* published for the month of billing	$ 0.6788
Fuel Use - 1.48% NNG and 1.44% Company L&U	0.0203
Gas Supply Management Fee	0.0007
Released Capacity Surcharge	0.0140
Balancing Services	0.0030
Pipeline Transportation Charges	0.0038
Total Gas Component Charge	$ 0.7206
Rate No. 86 – Gas Contract Sales Service	
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 1	$ 0.9347
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 2	$ 0.9944
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 3	$ 0.9274
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 4	$ 0.9071
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 5	$ 0.9718
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 6	$ 0.8266
Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge – Group 7	$ 0.7484
Rate No. 86 Index	$ 0.7036
Rate No. 86 True-up Surcharge	
Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Firm Supply Standby Service	
Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand	
Rate No. 84 supply standby costs	$ 0.07
Rate No. 84 pipeline capacity costs	0.75
Total Demand Charge	$ 0.82
Gas Commodity Charge	
Rate No. 84 Gas Commodity Charge	$ 0.7036
Imbalance Cashout Rate Index Points	
Northern, Ventura 75%	
Northern, Demarcation 25%	

Ad Valorem Taxes Paid:

Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service	Commodity Charge	$ 0.0135
Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service	Commodity Charge	$ 0.0085
Rate No. 84 - Commercial and Industrial - Firm Sales Service		
	Commodity Charge - Option A	$ 0.0055
	Commodity Charge - Option B	$ 0.0036
Rate No. 86 – Contract Sales Service		
	Commodity Charge - Option A	$ 0.0055
	Commodity Charge - Option B	$ 0.0036
Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial - Interruptible Sales Service		
	Commodity Charge - Option A	$ 0.0055
	Commodity Charge - Option B	$ 0.0036
Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Service		
	Commodity Charge - Option A	$ 0.0055
	Commodity Charge - Option B	$ 0.0036

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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for insertion in your copy of Northwestern Energy's Gas Rate Book is the following rate schedule:

Section No. 3
290th Revised Sheet No. 12a

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes, please advise.

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BTU ADJUSTMENT

CLASS OF SERVICE: All Classes

APPLICABILITY:

This adjustment is applicable to metered consumption billable under all retail rates.

Effective Date	Adjustment
June 2, 2004	1023
July 2, 2004	1020
August 2, 2004	1016
September 2, 2004	1016
October 2, 2004	1013
November 2, 2004	1012
December 2, 2004	1016
January 2, 2005	1015
February 2, 2005	1014
March 2, 2005	1012
April 2, 2005	1013
May 2, 2005	1014
June 2, 2005	1006
July 2, 2005	1013
August 2, 2005	1024
September 2, 2005	1025
October 2, 2005	1008
November 2, 2005	1017
December 2, 2005	1027
January 2, 2006	1030
February 2, 2006	1015
March 2, 2006	1007
April 2, 2006	1008
May2, 2006	1008
June 2, 2006	1013
July 2, 2006	1013
August 2, 2006	1008
September 2, 2006	1009
October 2, 2006	1008
November 2, 2006	1007
December 2, 2006	1007
January 2, 2007	1008
February 2, 2007	1009
March 2, 2007	1010
April 2, 2007	1011