

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A)
CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS) EL13-033**

On November 14, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of a contract with deviations and associated tariff revisions on less than 30 days' notice to extend three-phase electric distribution service to the Swenson Brothers irrigation site in Lane, SD. NorthWestern will install, or arrange for the installation of, approximately 4,750 feet of underground three-phase primary to the irrigation site. NorthWestern requested an effective date of November 25, 2013. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section 4

13th Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 12th Revised Sheet No. 1

On November 21, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 2, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:09, 20:10:13:10, 20:10:13:20, and 20:10:13:21.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 3, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations and associated tariff sheet is just and reasonable for service rendered on or after November 25, 2013, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a contract with deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is approved on less than 30 days' notice and is effective for services rendered on and after November 25, 2013.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of December, 2013.

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: Joy Lashley

Date: 12.9.13

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner