

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY</b>	)	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA</b>	)	<b>TARIFF REVISIONS</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR</b>	)	
<b>APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS</b>	)	<b>EL14-047</b>

On May 16, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to revise its Rate No. 73 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service) and Rate No. 74 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service). The proposed tariff rates reflect prices based on NorthWestern’s method of avoided cost calculation. On June 5, 2014, NorthWestern filed its responses to Staff’s first set of data requests. NorthWestern requests an effective date of July 1, 2014. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30 Canceling 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30

11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 31 Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 31

On May 22, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 6, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No parties petitioned to intervene or submitted comments. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:17.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval with an effective date of July 1, 2014. Finding the avoided cost rate revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that NorthWestern’s request to revise its Rate No. 73 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service) and Rate No. 74 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service) tariff rates to reflect prices based on 2013 data, as described above, is hereby granted and the above-mentioned tariff revisions are approved with an effective date of July 1, 2014

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Lashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>6.26.14</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner