

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

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN)
CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN)
ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO)
REVISE ITS FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE)
RIDER TO INCLUDE REAGENT AND TREATED)
WATER COSTS)

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

EL15-009

On March 3, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to modify the Fuel Adjustment Clause to allow the inclusion of reagent and treated water expenses that are necessary to comply with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards rules. NorthWestern states an average residential customer using 750 kwh will see an increase of about \$0.76 per month and an average commercial customer using 6,600 kwh will see an increase of about \$6.67 per month. NorthWestern is requesting an effective date of May 1, 2015. On March 5, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 20, 2015, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

3rd revised Sheet No. 33.1

Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 33.1

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-25.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 31, 2015, 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 revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to revise its aforementioned tariff is hereby granted, and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after May 1, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of April, 2015.

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.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner