

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL) OF TARIFF REVISIONS)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS EL15-033
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On September 18, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of revisions to its Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff. NorthWestern proposes to credit the Production Tax Credits (PTCs) from the Beethoven Wind Facility to its electric customers through the Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff. NorthWestern anticipates closing on the Beethoven Wind Facility before October 1, 2015, and thus requests approval with less than 30 days' notice to begin the inclusion of the PTCs in NorthWestern's Fuel Adjustment Clause on October 1, 2015. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

4th Revised Sheet No. 33.1

Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 33.1

On September 24, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 28, 2015, to interested persons 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 Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13:20 and 20:10:13:21.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 29, 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 with less than 30 days' notice. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is approved on less than 30 days' notice and is effective on and after October 1, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of October, 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.
By: <u>Rolayne West</u>
Date: <u>10-15-15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner