

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA )  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL )  
OF TARIFF REVISIONS REGARDING ITS )  
CUSTOMER DATA PRIVACY POLICY )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS  
  
EL16-033**

On October 5, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of tariff revisions regarding the management and protection of customer data. NorthWestern requests that the Customer Data Privacy Tariffs be inserted in Section 5, General Terms and Conditions, of its South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule. The tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 1

13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2

Section No. 5

Original Sheet No. 14

Original Sheet No. 15

Original Sheet No. 16

On October 6, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 21, 2016, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 1, 2016, NorthWestern responded to Commission staff's data request.

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-12.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a January 1, 2017, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective January 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are approved, effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**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: Adam DeHueck

Date: 12/13/16

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner