

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA ) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR ) APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS ) SOUTH DAKOTA DEMAND SIDE ) MANAGEMENT PLAN ) )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING DEMAND ) SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN, ) COST RECOVERY TARIFF, ) INCENTIVE MECHANISM AND ) RATE )  GE12-001</b>
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On January 27, 2012, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NWE) to revise its Demand Side Management Plan (DSM Plan) that was approved in GE09-001. NWE filed an updated plan on December 6, 2012, and again on April 23, 2014. On May 6, 2014, NWE filed updated tariff sheets, requesting an effective date of June 1, 2014. On May 22, 23, and 28, 2014, NWE filed responses to the Commissioner's data requests and updated tariff sheets, requesting a new effective date of July 1, 2014. The requested tariff revisions are as follows:

**SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

Section No. 1, 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2  
Section No. 3, 13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1  
Section No. 3, 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2  
Section No. 3, 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3, Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3  
Section No. 3, 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4  
Section No. 3, 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling 14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5  
Section No. 3, 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6  
Section No. 3, 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7, Canceling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7  
Section No. 3, 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8, Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8  
Section No. 3, 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9, Canceling 14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9  
Section No. 3, 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 10, Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 10  
Section No. 3, 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11, Canceling 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11  
Section No. 3, 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 12, Canceling 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 12  
Section No. 3, 13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 14, Canceling 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 14  
Section No. 3, 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 15, Canceling 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 15  
Section No. 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 18, Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 18  
Section No. 3, 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 23, Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 23  
Section No. 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.1, Canceling 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.1  
Section No. 3, 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28, Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28  
Section No. 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 36, Canceling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 36

**SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE**

Section No. 1, 31<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 30<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1  
Section No. 3, 20<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 19<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1  
Section No. 3, 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2  
Section No. 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3.2, Canceling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3.2  
Section No. 3, 11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4.1, Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4.1  
Section No. 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5.2, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5.2  
Section No. 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11, Canceling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11

On February 2, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 17, 2012, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene were received. On April 4, 2014, a comment in support of NWE's lighting rebate program for South Dakota was filed by Mel Pooley of Wesley Acres Senior Living Center in Mitchell, and on April 10, 2014, Chairman Hanson filed his response to Mr. Pooley's comment.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its May 13 and June 10, 2014, regular meetings, the Commission considered the revised DSM Plan. The Commission's staff (Staff) recommended that the Commission approve NWE's revised DSM Plan, tariff revisions, incentive mechanism, and DSM rate.

Following considerable discussion among the Commission, NWE, and Staff, the Commission took NWE's revised DSM Plan up for consideration and action. Finding the proposed DSM Plan, tariff revisions, incentive mechanisms, and DSM rates to be just and reasonable, a majority of the Commission, with Commissioner Nelson dissenting, voted to approve NWE's proposed DSM Plan and associated revised tariff sheets. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NWE's request for approval of its revised DSM Plan is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that NWE's tariff sheets as described above are approved effective July 1, 2014.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date:	<u>6-17-14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner,  
dissenting