

**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 2017 SOUTH DAKOTA)
DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN)
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**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

GE16-005

On November 18, 2016, 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) for 2017. Specifically, NWE requested approval of its proposed modifications to the 2017 DSM Plan and budgets. Further, NWE requested approval of the revised gas and electric Energy Efficiency Adjustment rates and tariff sheets that account for a true-up of tracker account balances and the 2017 DSM Plan proposed budgets, with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

On November 23, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 9, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received.

On December 13, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter requesting suspension of the 2017 DSM Plan until March 1, 2017, and allowing the current Energy Efficiency Adjustment rates to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission. On December 21, 2016, the Commission issued an order suspending NWE's 2017 DSM Plan until March 1, 2017. On January 31, 2017, NWE filed a letter notifying the Commission of its intent to discontinue the DSM program. On March 9, 2017, the Commission issued an order approving the termination of NWE's DSM Plan and the continuation of the existing Energy Efficiency Adjustment rates until a final true-up is provided.

On April 25, 2017, NWE filed its proposal for closing out the tracker accounts which included proposed tariff sheets for the final Energy Efficiency Adjustment rates and proposed tariff sheets upon termination of the Energy Efficiency Adjustment rates. NWE proposed that the Energy Efficiency Adjustment rates and tariffs be cancelled on June 1, 2017. On May 9, 2017, the Commission issued an order approving NWE's revised energy efficiency adjustment rates and the cancellation of the energy efficiency adjustment tariffs.

On May 2, 2017, NWE filed revised tariff sheets for Commission approval that removed the reference to the energy efficiency adjustment rate from all applicable tariff sheets. The company requested an effective date of June 1, 2017, for the following revised tariff sheets:

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

Section No. 3

17 th Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling 16 th Revised Sheet No. 1
12 th Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling 11 th Revised Sheet No. 2
15 th Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling 14 th Revised Sheet No. 3
13 th Revised Sheet No. 4	Canceling 12 th Revised Sheet No. 4
19 th Revised Sheet No. 5	Canceling 18 th Revised Sheet No. 5
16 th Revised Sheet No. 6	Canceling 15 th Revised Sheet No. 6
12 th Revised Sheet No. 8	Canceling 11 th Revised Sheet No. 8
19 th Revised Sheet No. 9	Canceling 18 th Revised Sheet No. 9
15 th Revised Sheet No. 10	Canceling 14 th Revised Sheet No. 10

16th Revised Sheet No. 11
16th Revised Sheet No. 12
17th Revised Sheet No. 14
16th Revised Sheet No. 15
11th Revised Sheet No. 18
15th Revised Sheet No. 23
8th Revised Sheet No. 25.1
15th Revised Sheet No. 28

Canceling 15th Revised Sheet No. 11
Canceling 15th Revised Sheet No. 12
Canceling 16th Revised Sheet No. 14
Canceling 15th Revised Sheet No. 15
Canceling 10th Revised Sheet No. 18
Canceling 14th Revised Sheet No. 23
Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 25.1
Canceling 14th Revised Sheet No. 28

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

Section No. 3

22nd Revised Sheet No. 1
8th Revised Sheet No. 2
7th Revised Sheet No. 3.2
13th Revised Sheet No. 4.1
4th Revised Sheet No. 5.2

Canceling 21st Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 2
Canceling 6th Revised Sheet No. 3.2
Canceling 12th Revised Sheet No. 4.1
Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 5.2

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, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 23, 2017, this matter came before the Commission for consideration and action. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the revised tariff sheets to be effective June 1, 2017. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised tariff sheets. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revised tariff sheets, as described above, are hereby approved with an effective date of June 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of May, 2017.

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>Adam DeHuelle</u>
Date:	<u>5/26/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson
Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner
Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner