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Ms. Patricia VanGerpen, Executive Director
S.D. Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Bill Format Changes

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this letter, NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern" or the "Company"), doing business as NorthWestern Energy, is filing with the Commission revisions to its Natural Gas and Electric Tariffs. NorthWestern respectfully requests Commission approval of these proposed revisions.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:39, the Company states:

1. The documents submitted with this filing include:

Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 8 th revised Sheet No. 1
Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 7 th revised Sheet No. 1.1
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, 8 th revised Sheet No. 1
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, 7 th revised Sheet No. 1.1

2. The proposed effective date for the tariff revisions is September 1, 2013.

3. Brief description of the tariff changes:

This filing requests the approval of the Company's new billing format to coincide with the installation of a new billing system by NorthWestern. The format and information contained on the bill is the result of customer surveys and customer comments about what kind of information they want to see depicted in their bills. The updated front of the bill contains usage charts, temperature and usage statistics. The back of the bill provides more billing detail and rate information. The revised bill is more informative, easier to read, and customer friendly.

4. Reasons for the proposed tariff changes:

The Company is installing a new Billing System and this is the opportune time to update the bill format.

5. Number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual changes in cost of service to such customers.

As of June 30, 2013, Northwestern has 62,041 SD electric customers and 44,041 SD natural gas customers. This change will affect all customers. No change of cost is requested in this filing.

Sincerely,

Jeff Decker
Regulatory Specialist