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November 14, 2013

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
S. D. Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: NorthWestern Corporation Proposed Contract with Deviation PUC Docket EL13-_____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this letter, NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern"), doing business as NorthWestern Energy, files with the South Dakota Public Utility Commission ("Commission") a proposed electric contract with deviations. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:39, NorthWestern states:

(1) The documents submitted with this filing include:

- This Application for Tariff Change and Report in Support of Tariff Filing of NorthWestern (the "Report"), pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26
- The proposed revised tariff schedule, Section 4, Sheet 1. 13th Revised
- Schedules detailing the cost of the project
- A copy of the contract between NorthWestern and the Customer.

(2) The proposed effective date for the new tariff is November 25, 2013. NorthWestern requests the Commission approve this contract with deviation on less than thirty days' notice. NorthWestern plans to proceed with construction upon receipt of approval from the Commission.

(3) The names and addresses of those to who copies of the rate schedule have been mailed:

Swenson Bros
201 S Railway
Lane, SD 57358

(4) Brief description of the proposed changes in rates:

NorthWestern is proposing the contract with deviation to extend three-phase electric distribution service to the Swenson Brothers Irrigation site. NorthWestern will install, or arrange for the installation of approximately 4,750 feet of underground three phase primary to the irrigation site.

The estimated cost of the project is \$68,641. The customer's projected load increase is stated in the contract. The customer has been given credit for the revenue from the load increase and has reduced their contribution to \$64,721. Exhibit B reflects the calculation of the contribution amount. The Customer agrees to pay the actual project costs within 14 days of project completion. At the end of three years, the customers usage will be reviewed to determine if the actual usage is within 20% of the projected usage. Additional billings or credits will be calculated at that time.

(5) Reasons for the proposed changes:

The reason for the proposed change is the customer's need for electric service for their proposed irrigation site.

(6) Number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual changes in cost of service to such customers:

Swenson Bros will be the only customer impacted by this filing.

NorthWestern respectfully requests an order approving the contract with deviations.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Decker
Regulatory Analyst