

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	NOTICE OF
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	CHANGE
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY)	
TO INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC RATES)	EL14-106
)	

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) notifies the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) that the expected date for the Big Stone Air Quality Control System (“Big Stone AQCS”) to be placed in service has changed to January 1, 2016 from December 1, 2015. The Revised Settlement Stipulation filed in this proceeding provides in part, “Because the Big Stone AQCS is a significant capital addition that will be placed in service after the implementation of interim rates on July 1, 2015, the Parties agree to include the revenue requirement of this project in rates when the Big Stone AQCS is placed in service (expected to be December 1, 2015).” Although the expected date that the Big Stone AQCS will be placed in service has changed, the effect on NorthWestern’s customers has not changed. Pursuant to the terms of the Revised Settlement Stipulation, “Final rates will be implemented following the in service date of Big Stone AQCS.” NorthWestern’s customers will not pay for the Big Stone AQCS until it is in service and will receive a refund of interim rates that will be based on the actual in service date.