



July 28, 2016

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD, 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this letter, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”), is filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) revisions to its Electric Tariff. 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. 1, 12 th revised Sheet No. 2
Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 4 th revised Sheet No. 23
Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 1 st revised Sheet No. 25
Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 1 st revised Sheet No. 26
Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 1 st revised Sheet No. 27
Electric Tariff	Section No. 6, 1 st revised Sheet No. 28

The proposed effective date for the tariff revisions is September 1, 2016.

2. Brief description of the tariff changes:

The purpose of this filing is to update the form letters in the Electric Tariff as follows:

Electric Tariff sheet numbers 23 and 26 contain several small wording changes to improve readability. Sheet 25, 27 and 28 have been adjusted to provide a fuller explanation of the annual review update and budget billing process. The changes are shown in both redline and final form.

3. Reasons for the proposed tariff changes:

In its desire to improve communication with customers, NorthWestern proposes the attached changes.



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

There are currently 11,462 customers on the South Dakota budget bill program.
There will be no change to the cost of service for these customers.

Sincerely,

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