



March 31, 2016

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *NorthWestern Corporation (South Dakota)*
Certification Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 284.123(g)(9)(ii), in compliance with Docket Nos.
CP11-76-000 & PR12-20-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy is a public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity and the supply and transportation of natural gas, with facilities located primarily in Montana and South Dakota. In South Dakota, NorthWestern Energy is a local distribution company and has been granted a Section 284.224 limited jurisdiction blanket certificate to transport gas in interstate commerce.¹ NorthWestern Energy made a rate election under 18 C.F.R. § 284.123(b)(1) to establish the same rates for interstate service as those contained in its effective rate schedules for comparable intrastate service on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and these rates were accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. PR12-20-000.²

Pursuant to Order No. 781³ and the reporting requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 284.123(g)(9)(ii), NorthWestern Energy hereby certifies that the rates accepted by, and currently on file with, the Commission have not changed and therefore continue to comply with the requirements set forth in 18 C.F.R. § 284.123(b)(1). Consistent with 18 C.F.R. § 284.123(g)(9), NorthWestern Energy commits to filing another rate review on or before March 31, 2021.

¹ *NorthWestern Corp.*, 134 FERC ¶ 62,299 (2011).

² *NorthWestern Corp.*, 140 FERC ¶ 61,173 (2012).

³ *Revisions to Procedural Regulations Governing Transportation by Intrastate Pipelines*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,034 (2013).



Since its rate election filing in Docket No. PR12-20-000, NorthWestern Energy has not changed the intrastate rates upon which the rates for interstate service are based. NorthWestern Energy's currently effective rate schedule (Rate No. 87, Transportation Service) is available at http://www.northwesternenergy.com/docs/default-source/documents/sd_ne_rates/sd_gas/Gas_Transport_Tariffs_Transport.pdf. The South Dakota PUC order⁴ approving this rate was submitted with NorthWestern Energy's rate election filing and is also available at <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/naturalgas/2011/ng11-003ogjmass.pdf>.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this certification.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Service List, Docket Nos. CP11-76-001 & PR12-20-000
Milbank Line Customers
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

⁴ *In re NorthWestern Corp.*, Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, Docket No. NG11-003 (S.D. P.U.C. Nov. 30, 2011).



Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated in the foregoing transmittal letter, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2016.

s/ M. Andrew McLain _____

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