

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS 2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
PLAN AND 2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
REPORT)

**ORDER APPROVING 2020
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2021 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL21-012

On March 31, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of its 2020 Economic Development Report and 2021 Economic Development Proposed Budget.

On April 1, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 16, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 12, 2021, NorthWestern responded to staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 25, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's 2020 Economic Development Report and the 2021 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2020 Economic Development Report and 2021 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of May 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DetHueck</u>
Date: <u>05/27/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner