

**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 2022 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
PLAN AND 2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
REPORT)

**ORDER APPROVING 2021
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2022 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL22-009

On March 31, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of its 2022 Economic Development Plan and 2021 Economic Development Report. The filing includes NorthWestern's report on the 2021 budgeted and actual economic development expenses. The filing also details a proposed economic development budget for 2022.

On April 7, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 22, 2022, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 28, 2022, NorthWestern responded to Commission 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 10, 2022, 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 2021 Economic Development Report and the 2022 Economic Development Budget with the correction to the 2022 budget noted by NorthWestern at the Commission meeting. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2021 Economic Development Report and 2022 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed, with the correction to the 2022 budget noted by NorthWestern at the Commission meeting.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of May 2022.

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| 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>Karen E. Cremer</u> |
| Date: <u>05/11/22</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner