

**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 2023 ECONOMIC) DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2022) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT))	ORDER APPROVING 2022 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN EL23-011
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On March 30, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of its 2023 Economic Development Plan and 2022 Economic Development Report. The filing includes NorthWestern's report on the 2022 budgeted and actual economic development expenses. The filing also details a proposed economic development budget for 2023.

On April 6, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 21, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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 23, 2023, 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 2022 Economic Development Report and the 2023 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2022 Economic Development Report and 2023 Economic Development Budget are hereby approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of May 2023.

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 DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>5/24/23</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner