

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	JOINT MOTION FOR
OF NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	APPROVAL OF
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS)	
ELECTRIC RATES)	EL23-016

NorthWestern Corporation doing business as NorthWestern Energy and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, jointly referred to as “Parties,” hereby file the above referenced Joint Motion and Settlement Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”). The Parties request that the Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all issues in this proceeding. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues between these Parties in Docket EL23-016.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant this joint motion and adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues subject to this proceeding and enter an Order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates for NorthWestern’s customers in its South Dakota service territory.

This Joint Motion may be signed by the Parties’ counsel in counterparts.

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