

**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 )  
TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS SMALL QUALIFYING )  
FACILITY RIDER (RATES 73 AND 74) )**

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF  
REVISIONS**

**EL25-005**

On February 26, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to revise its Rate No. 73 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service) and Rate No. 74 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service) tariff rates to reflect prices based on projected 2025-2026 data. NorthWestern requested an effective date of April 1, 2025, for the proposed modifications to the rate schedules.

On February 27, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 14, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On March 17, 2025, NorthWestern filed responses to staff’s data request. On March 20, 2025, Commission staff filed a Memorandum.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

17<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30

16<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 31

Canceling 16<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30

Canceling 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 31

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with an April 1, 2025, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective April 1, 2025. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Northwestern’s request to revise the above-referenced tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after April 1, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>   |
| 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><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>  |
| Date: <u>20 March 2025</u>  |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairperson

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner