BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT	)	**ORDER APPROVING 2026 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT** **EL26-009**

On March 31, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for Approval of its 2026 Economic Development Plan and 2025 Economic Development Report.

On April 2, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 17, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 23, 2026, NorthWestern filed a Revised Attachment A and Revised Attachment B. On May 1, 2026, NorthWestern filed a response to Staff's first data request. On June 9, 2026, NorthWestern filed supplemental information.

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 June 18, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. After reviewing 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 2026 Economic Development Plan and the 2025 Economic Development Report. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2026 Economic Development Plan and 2025 Economic Development Report are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June 2026.

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: Kristie Edwards

Date: 22 June 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner