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In the Matter of **IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY  
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE  
FOR REVISIONS TO ITS GAS  
TRANSPORTATION TARIFF**

**Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota**

DATE

MEMORANDA

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3/27/97	Filed and Docketed;
4/28/97	Order approving Tariff Revisions;
4/28/97	Docket Closed



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March 25, 1997

Mr. William Bullard  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Board  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Gas Transportation Tariff Changes to comply with GISB

Dear Mr. Bullard

Northwestern is filing Gas Tariff changes to comply with the approved standardized business practices developed by the Gas Industry Standard Board (GISB). On July 17, 1996 and January 30, 1997 FERC issued Orders No. 587 and 587-B requiring interstate pipelines to comply with the requirements of the GISB standard and to implement the standard effective on a staggered basis. Since Northern will be implementing the changes effective April 1, 1997 it is necessary for Northwestern to make tariff revisions necessary to coincide with Northern.

The major changes made by Northwestern are as follows:

- 1 Standardization of Gas Day as the 24 hour period beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time CCT and ending at 9:00 a.m. CCT the following day.
- 2 Nomination changes to reflect the Gas Day changes
  - a First of Month eliminated
  - b Daily Times Changes
  - c Critical Day Times Changes
  - d Standby Service Nomination deadlines
- 3 Dekatherm will be the standard unit quantity in the natural gas industry.
- 4 Calculation of retention for inkind volumes.

These major changes have been incorporated in the revised gas tariff.

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The accompanying revised Gas Tariff Sheets issued by Northwestern are transmitted to you for filing

South Dakota Gas Tariff

SD P.U.C. Section No. 5

2nd Revised Sheet No. 5 Cancels 1st Revised Sheet No. 5  
1st Revised Sheet No. 6.2 Cancels Original Sheet No. 6.2  
1st Revised Sheet No. 6.4 Cancels Original Sheet No. 6.4  
1st Revised Sheet No. 6.5 Cancels Original Sheet No. 6.5  
1st Revised Sheet No. 6.6 Cancels Original Sheet No. 6.6  
1st Revised Sheet No. 7.1 Cancels Original Sheet No. 7.1  
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1st Revised Sheet No. 7.3 Cancels Original Sheet No. 7.3

These Gas Tariffs are proposed to become effective April 1, 1997. Also enclosed is the redline version of the Gas Tariff.

Northwestern's Gas Transportation customers will be sent a letter notifying them of these proposed changes.

I have enclosed the original and 5 copies of the gas tariffs. Please file stamp one copy and return to me in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at (605) 353-8235.

Yours truly,



Thomas Hitchcock  
Manager-Regulatory & Pricing Services

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cc South Dakota Gas Tariff Book Holders

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Section No. 5

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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BILLING DAY AND CURTAILMENT OF GAS

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The Company will endeavor to give the Customer as much notice as possible with respect to curtailment of service. Customer agrees to provide and maintain complete standby facilities and have available at all times sufficient standby fuel to maintain continuous plant operations during complete curtailment in the delivery of natural gas.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICE, INTERRUPTIONS, AND LIABILITY

The Company will endeavor to provide continuous service but does not guarantee an uninterrupted or undisturbed supply of gas service. The Company will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from the interruption or disturbance of service for any cause other than negligence of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any loss of profits or other consequential damages resulting from the use of service or any interruption or disturbance of service.

The Company shall use due care and diligence to furnish gas service near the normal pressure levels and in accordance with the acceptable levels of delivery pressure as may exist under operating conditions in the pipeline and

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs  
 RATE DESIGNATION: General Terms and Conditions

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**6. Liability:**

- (a) General - Gas shall be and shall remain the property of the Customer while being transported and delivered by the Company. The Company shall not be liable to the Customer for any loss arising from or out of Gas Transportation Service while in the Company's system or for any other cause, except for gross or willful negligence of the Company's own employees. The Company reserves the right to commingle gas of the Customer with other gas supplies including propane and liquefied natural gas.
- (b) Insurance - The Customer shall be responsible for determining the extent of and maintaining all insurance it deems necessary to protect its property interest in such gas before, during, and after receipt by the Company.

**7. Retention:** A Customer or Group Customer, if applicable, shall have the option to choose one of the following methods to apply retention.

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**Option Two (Inkind):** The Customer, or Group Customer, if applicable, upon written request, may deliver retention quantities inkind. The request shall include the Customer's account number and the meter number of which inkind retention is being requested and shall be delivered to the Company's representative. Upon the Company's acknowledgment of the receipt of the request, the Customer shall be allowed to deliver retention volumes inkind. The Customer shall have the option to have the quantity of transportation gas received from the transporting pipeline reduced, upon delivery to the Customer, by a fixed percentage of 3.06% (to be adjusted as set forth above) which shall represent compensation for Company-Used Gas and Lost and Unaccounted For Gas. Where fuel reimbursement is inkind, the standard fuel calculation mechanism, as this is related to the nominating process, should be  $(1 - \text{fuel \%}/100)$  multiplied by receipt quantity = delivers quantity.

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**RATE DESIGNATION:** General Terms and Conditions

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**11. Request for Service:**

- (a) Requests for service under any Transportation Schedule must be made by filing with the Company the information required on the form entitled "Service Request Form" and "Transportation Service Designation" in the Company's effective Gas Transportation Tariff.
- (b) Transportation Service will be provided on a "first-come/first-served" basis.
- (c) Service will not be approved, and a first-come/first-served priority rating for service will not be determined and assigned, until all the information required by the Service Request Form and Transportation Service Designation has been delivered to the Company. The Company reserves the right to request additional information from any applicant, but requesting such information will not reduce the priority rating for service if the applicant has otherwise provided all of the information and paid the fee as required by this section.
- (d) Service under this tariff will begin on the first of the month following a date which is thirty (30) days after the Service Request Form, and all additional information has been received by the Company. The Company may, at its sole discretion, reduce the request for service requirements.

**12. Nominations**

Nominations shall be an estimate of the Customer's daily gas requirements for transportation service. Nominations shall be delivered to:

Gas Supply & Transportation  
P O Box 1318  
Huron, South Dakota 57350-1318  
Phone (605) 352-8411  
FAX (605) 353-7479

- (a) **Nomination Time Line:** The nomination will be due at 9:00 a.m. CCT for the gas day beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT on that same day.

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| (b) Confirmation Northwestern Gas Supply nomination deadline is 9:00 a.m. CCT and confirmation will become a verification of the flow process. Gas Supply will confirm (Verify) the lesser of nomination volume of gas or volumes confirmed/schedule by the pipeline.   | N<br>N<br>N<br>N |
| (c) Nomination Process All parties should support a seven-days-a-week, twenty-four-hours-a-day nomination process. Party contacts need not be at their ordinary work sites but should be available by telephone or beeper.  | N<br>N<br>N<br>N |
| (d) Daily Customers, or their agent, shall notify the Company's representative by 9:00 a.m. CCT, by mutually acceptable method, of a Daily Nomination or a desired change, if any, to its requested quantity of transportation gas for the gas Day commencing at 9:00 a.m. CCT or for following gas Days. Nomination of Delivery and Receipt Point shall be limited to those specified in the Service Request Form.   | T<br>T<br><br>T  |
| (e) Critical Day When a Critical Day is called, the Company shall notify the Customer by 3:00 p.m. CCT, prior to the beginning of the gas day unless waived by Customer, or as necessary to maintain the integrity of the system, of the receipt and delivery conditions applicable to Customer's Gas Transportation Service during the next gas day commencing at 9:00 a.m. CCT. Such notification shall include all necessary information known at the time, such as Curtailment or Interruption conditions, allowable balancing adjustments, deliveries under standby service, the estimated Supply Standby price, etc. The Company shall also notify the Customer once the curtailment / interruption Conditions have changed, unless this notification is waived by the Customer. Similar to the provisions of the Late Nominations section below, the Company may allow for reduced Critical Day nomination requirements. | T<br>T<br><br>T  |
| (f) Firm Supply Standby Service Customer or its agent, shall notify the Company's representative by at least 3:00 p.m. CCT prior to the end of the gas day of its requested quantity of Firm Supply Standby service gas to be delivered by Company at the Delivery Point.   | T<br>T           |
| (g) Standby Supply Service Customer, or its agent, shall notify the Company's representative according to normal Daily Nomination procedures of its requested quantity of Standby Supply service gas to be delivered by Company at the Delivery Point.  | T                |

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- (h) Late Nomination The Company may, at its sole discretion, reduce the Nomination requirements outlined above in those situations where operationally the Company can accommodate a change in Nomination on less notice. Nominations shall be implemented only if they are confirmed by the interstate pipeline. For each Late Nomination, the Company will charge a Late Nomination fee of \$15 per Delivery Point. The group customer's single combined daily nomination shall be considered one Delivery Point. The charge will be imposed for each nomination change received and approved by the Company. T
13. **Provisions Applicable to Third Party Suppliers:** If a Gas Transportation Customer wishes to utilize brokers, marketers, or other third party suppliers ("Third Party Suppliers") either as agents or as suppliers of gas into the Company's system, the Customer must notify the Company in writing of the Third Party Supplier that will be used in any particular gas month and whether the Third Party Supplier will be acting as agent for Customer for making nominations. If the Customer is using a Third Party Supplier, Customer agrees that as between Company and Customer, the Company shall be entitled to rely upon information concerning deliveries of natural gas on behalf of Customer provided by Third Party Supplier.
14. **Failure to Comply:** If the Customer fails to comply with or perform any of the obligations on its part to be complied with or performed under a Schedule, the Company shall have the right to give Customer written notice of the Company's intention to terminate the Transportation on account of such failure. The Company shall have the right to terminate such Transportation at the expiration of five days after the giving of said notice, unless within five days the Customer shall make good such failure. Termination of such Transportation for any such cause shall be a cumulative remedy as to the Company, and shall not release the Customer from its obligation to make payment of any amount or amounts due or to become due from the Customer to the Company under the applicable Schedule. In order to resume Transportation after termination of service hereunder, it shall be necessary for Customer to file a new request for service.

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**CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs**  
**RATE DESIGNATION: Glossary of Terms**

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| 1.  | <p><b>Balance</b> - The Customer's obligation to make Deliveries equal Receipts</p>   |             |
| 2.  | <p><b>Billing Period</b> - Shall mean the period beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT, on the first day of a calendar month and ending at the same hour on the first day of the next succeeding calendar month, unless a different period of time is specified in the Service Request Form</p>  | T           |
| 3.  | <p><b>Central Clock Time</b> - Time on the clock in central time zone</p>   | N           |
| 4.  | <p><b>Commodity Charge</b> - Amount based upon the quantity of gas transported</p>  | T           |
| 5.  | <p><b>Company</b> - Northwestern Public Service Company</p>   | T           |
| 6.  | <p><b>Critical Day</b> - A Critical Day shall mean any day on which, in the sole judgment of the Company, curtailment or interruption may be required due to capacity constraints, or any other cause whatsoever. A Critical Day may be declared with respect to any one or more Delivery Points. The Company shall make every effort to give the Customer notice of a Critical Day by 3:00 p.m. CCT prior to the beginning of the gas day, but may give notice at any time</p> | T           |
| 7.  | <p><b>Customer</b> - Shall mean any person, association, firm, public or private corporation, or any agency of the federal, state or local government or legal entity responsible by law for payment for gas service at a single location</p>   | T           |
| 8.  | <p><b>Day or Daily</b> - The gas Day is a 24-hour period beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT, and ending at 9:00 a.m. CCT the following day</p>  | T<br>T      |
| 9.  | <p><b>Dekatherm and MMBtu</b> - The term "MMBtu" shall mean 1,000,000 Btu's. One MMBtu is equal to one dekatherm. The standard quantity for nomination, confirmation and scheduling is dekatherms per gas day in the United States</p>  | N<br>N<br>N |
| 10. | <p><b>Deliveries</b> - Transportation volumes that are confirmed by the pipeline company for delivery to the Customer at the Delivery Point and consumed by Customer</p>  | T           |
| 11. | <p><b>Delivery Point</b> - The location where the Company's gas distribution facilities are interconnected with the Customer's facilities and where the Customer and the Company have agreed that transportation gas received at the Receipt Point will be delivered by the Company to the Customer. A Delivery Point shall be the Company's historical site for the sale of gas to the Customer</p>  | T           |
| 12. | <p><b>Demand Charge</b> - Amount based upon the quantity of transportation space desired</p>  | T           |

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**CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs**  
**RATE DESIGNATION: Glossary of Terms**

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| 13. | <b>Fuel</b> - Any charges levied or reduction in volumes delivered as a result of the movement of gas   | T |
| 14. | <b>Group Customer</b> - A person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that provides natural gas to more than one Delivery Point on the same pipeline. A Group Customer may be an end-user with multiple facilities, a producer, marketer or supplier who provides natural gas to end-users. The Group Customers must consist of Gas Transportation Customers that are required to balance according to the same parameters. | T |
| 15. | <b>Imbalances</b> - The difference between Receipts and Deliveries.   | T |
| 16. | <b>Month, Monthly, Billing Period</b> - The period beginning on the first day of a calendar month and ending on the first day of the succeeding calendar month.   | T |
| 17. | <b>Negative Imbalance</b> - The daily difference between the quantity of gas received at the Receipt Point and a greater quantity of Deliveries.  | T |
| 18. | <b>Nomination</b> - Quantity of gas the Company is requested to transport daily from the Receipt Point to the Delivery Point.   | T |
| 19. | <b>Positive Imbalance</b> - The daily difference between the quantity of gas received at the Receipt Point and the lesser quantity of Deliveries.   | T |
| 20. | <b>Receipts</b> - Shall mean the quantity of gas received by Company from the transporting pipeline on a daily basis for the account of Customer.   | T |

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| 21. | <b>Receipt Point</b> - The point at which the transporting pipeline's facilities are interconnected with the Company's facilities. Receipt Points are usually Town Border Stations ("TBS") applicable to the Delivery Point. The Receipt Point must be at a location applicable to the Customer's historical purchases and the Delivery Point must be the historical purchase site. If, in the sole discretion of the Company, the Company can, operationally and without hardship to its other customers, receive gas for the account of Customer at a point other than the town border station applicable to the Customer's historical purchases, the Receipt Point restriction may be waived by Company. | T                     |
| 22. | <b>Reservation Charge</b> - Amount based upon the quantity of service desired.  | T                     |
| 23. | <b>Retention</b> - The percentage by which gas received at the Receipt Point is reduced in order to arrive at the quantity delivered at the Delivery Point. Where fuel reimbursement is in kind, the standard fuel calculation mechanism, as this is related to the nomination process, should be $(1 - \text{fuel} \% / 100)$ multiplied by receipt quantity = delivery quantity.  | T<br>N<br>N<br>N<br>N |

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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BILLING DAY AND CURTAILMENT OF GAS

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9:00 am CCT →  
 1:00 pm CCT →  
 prior to the beginning of the day  
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 FAX: (605) 353-7479

- (a) ~~First of Month~~ Customer, or its agent, shall notify the Company's ~~representative as designated in the Service Request Form by~~ N  
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- Northwestern*
- (a) Nomination Time Line: The nomination will be due at 9:00 a.m. CCT for the gas day beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT on that same day. N  
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- (b) Confirmation: ~~McAmerican~~ Gas Supply nomination deadline is 9:00 a.m. CCT and confirmation will become a verification of the flow process. Gas Supply will confirm (Verify) the lesser of nomination volume of gas or volumes confirmed/schedule by the pipeline. N  
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- (c) Nomination Process: All parties should support a seven-days-a-week, twenty-four-hours-a-day nomination process. Party contacts need not be at their ordinary work sites but should be available by telephone or beeper. N  
N

*d*  
(f) Daily: Customers, or their agent, shall notify the Company's representative by 9:00 a.m. CCT, by mutually acceptable method, of a Daily Nomination or a desired change, if any, to its requested quantity of transportation gas for the gas Day commencing at ~~12:00 noon CST~~ or for following gas Days. T  
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Nomination of Delivery and Receipt Point shall be limited to those specified in the Service Request Form.

*B*  
(g) Critical Day: When a Critical Day is called, the Company shall notify the Customer by ~~9:00 a.m. CST~~ 9:00 a.m. CCT, unless waived by Customer, or as necessary to maintain the integrity of the system, of the receipt and delivery conditions applicable to Customer's Gas Transportation Service during the next gas day commencing at ~~12:00 noon CST~~. Such notification shall include all necessary information known at the time, such as Curtailment or Interruption conditions, allowable balancing adjustments, deliveries under standby service, the estimated Supply Standby price, etc. The Company shall also notify the Customer once the curtailment / interruption Conditions have changed, unless this notification is waived by the Customer. Similar to the provisions of the Late Nominations section below, the Company may allow for reduced Critical Day nomination requirements. T  
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*f*  
(h) Firm Supply Standby Service: Customer or its agent, shall notify the Company's representative ~~at least four (4) hours~~ 3:00 p.m. CCT prior to the end of the gas day of its requested quantity of Firm Supply Standby service gas to be delivered by Company at the Delivery Point. T  
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*S*  
(i) Standby Supply Service: Customer, or its agent, shall notify the Company's representative according to normal Daily Nomination procedures of its requested quantity of Standby Supply service gas to be delivered by Company at the Delivery Point.

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<sup>h</sup> Late Nomination: The Company may, at its sole discretion, reduce the Nomination requirements outlined above in those situations where operationally the Company can accommodate a change in Nomination on less notice. Nominations shall be implemented only if they are confirmed by the interstate pipeline. For each Late Nomination, the Company will charge a Late Nomination fee of \$15 per Delivery Point. The group customer's single combined daily nomination shall be considered one Delivery Point. The charge will be imposed for each nomination change received and approved by the Company. T

13. **Provisions Applicable to Third Party Suppliers:** If a Gas Transportation Customer wishes to utilize brokers, marketers, or other third party suppliers ("Third Party Suppliers") either as agents or as suppliers of gas into the Company's system, the Customer must notify the Company in writing of the Third Party Supplier that will be used in any particular gas month and whether the Third Party Supplier will be acting as agent for Customer for making nominations. If the Customer is using a Third Party Supplier, Customer agrees that as between Company and Customer, the Company shall be entitled to rely upon information concerning deliveries of natural gas on behalf of Customer provided by Third Party Supplier.
14. **Failure to Comply:** If the Customer fails to comply with or perform any of the obligations on its part to be complied with or performed under a Schedule, the Company shall have the right to give Customer written notice of the Company's intention to terminate the Transportation on account of such failure. The Company shall have the right to terminate such Transportation at the expiration of five days after the giving of said notice, unless within five days the Customer shall make good such failure. Termination of such Transportation for any such cause shall be a cumulative remedy as to the Company, and shall not release the Customer from its obligation to make payment of any amount or amounts due or to become due from the Customer to the Company under the applicable Schedule. In order to resume Transportation after termination of service hereunder, it shall be necessary for Customer to file a new request for service.

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1. **Balance** - The Customer's obligation to make Deliveries equal Receipts.
2. **Billing Period** - Shall mean the period beginning at ~~12:00 noon, CST~~ <sup>9:00 a.m. CCT</sup>, on the first day of a calendar month and ending at the same hour on the first day of the next succeeding calendar month, unless a different period of time is specified in the Service Request Form. T
3. **Central Clock Time** - Time on the clock in Central time zone. N
4. **Commodity Charge** - Amount based upon the quantity of gas transported. T
5. **Company** - Northwestern Public Service Company. T
6. **Critical Day** - A Critical Day shall mean any day on which, in the sole judgment of the Company, curtailment or interruption may be required due to capacity constraints, or any other cause whatsoever. A Critical Day may be declared with respect to any one or more Delivery Points. The Company shall make every effort to give the Customer notice of a Critical Day by ~~9:00 a.m.~~ <sup>3:00 p.m. CCT</sup> prior to the beginning of the gas day, but may give notice at any time. T
7. **Customer** - Shall mean any person, association, firm, public or private corporation, or any agency of the federal, state or local government or legal entity responsible by law for payment for gas service at a single location. T
8. **Day or Daily** - The gas Day is a 24-hour period beginning at ~~12:00 noon, CST~~ <sup>9:00 a.m. CCT</sup> and ending at ~~12:00 noon~~ <sup>9:00 a.m. CCT</sup> the following day. T
9. **Deliveries** - Transportation volumes that are confirmed by the pipeline company for delivery to the Customer at the Delivery Point and consumed by Customer. N
10. **Deliveries** - <sup>Deliveries are equal to one dekatherm. The standard quantity for nomination, confirmation and scheduling is dekatherms per gas day in the United States.</sup> Transportation volumes that are confirmed by the pipeline company for delivery to the Customer at the Delivery Point and consumed by Customer. N
11. **Delivery Point** - The location where the Company's gas distribution facilities are interconnected with the Customers facilities and where the Customer and the Company have agreed that transportation gas received at the Receipt Point will be delivered by the Company to the Customer. A Delivery Point shall be the Company's historical site for the sale of gas to the Customer. T
12. **Demand Charge** - Amount based upon the quantity of transportation space desired. T

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- <sup>3</sup>  
 11. **Fuel** - Any charges levied or reduction in volumes delivered as a result of the movement of gas. T
- <sup>4</sup>  
 12. **Group Customer** - A person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that provides natural gas to more than one Delivery Point on the same pipeline. A Group Customer may be an end-user with multiple facilities, a producer, marketer or supplier who provides natural gas to end-users. The Group Customers must consist of Gas Transportation Customers that are required to balance according to the same parameters. T
- <sup>5</sup>  
 13. **Imbalances** - The difference between Receipts and Deliveries. T
- <sup>6</sup>  
 14. **Month, Monthly, Billing Period** - The period beginning on the first day of a calendar month and ending on the first day of the succeeding calendar month. T
- <sup>7</sup>  
 15. **Negative Imbalance** - The daily difference between the quantity of gas received at the Receipt Point and a greater quantity of Deliveries. T
- <sup>8</sup>  
 16. **Nomination** - Quantity of gas the Company is requested to transport daily from the Receipt Point to the Delivery Point. T
- <sup>9</sup>  
 17. **Positive Imbalance** - The daily difference between the quantity of gas received at the Receipt Point and the lesser quantity of Deliveries. T
- <sup>20</sup>  
 18. **Receipts** - Shall mean the quantity of gas received by Company from the transporting pipeline on a daily basis for the account of Customer. T

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- <sup>21</sup>  
 19. **Receipt Point** - The point at which the transporting pipeline's facilities are interconnected with the Company's facilities. Receipt Points are usually Town Border Stations ("TBS") applicable to the Delivery Point. The Receipt Point must be at a location applicable to the Customer's historical purchases and the Delivery Point must be the historical purchase site. If, in the sole discretion of the Company, the Company can, operationally and without hardship to its other customers, receive gas for the account of Customer at a point other than the town border station applicable to the Customers historical purchases, the Receipt Point restriction may be waived by Company. T
- <sup>20</sup>  
 20. **Reservation Charge** - Amount based upon the quantity of service desired. T
- <sup>21</sup>  
 21. **Retention** - The percentage by which gas received at the Receipt Point is reduced in order to arrive at the quantity delivered at the Delivery Point. Where fuel reimbursement is in kind, the standard fuel calculation mechanism, as this is related to the nomination process, should be  $(1 - \text{fuel}\%/100)$  multiplied by receipt quantity = delivery quantity. N  
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## 6. Liability:

- (a) General - Gas shall be and shall remain the property of the Customer while being transported and delivered by the Company. The Company shall not be liable to the Customer for any loss arising from or out of Gas Transportation Service while in the Company's system or for any other cause, except for gross or willful negligence of the Company's own employees. The Company reserves the right to commingle gas of the Customer with other gas supplies including propane and liquefied natural gas.
- (b) Insurance - The Customer shall be responsible for determining the extent of and maintaining all insurance it deems necessary to protect its property interest in such gas before, during, and after receipt by the Company.

## 7. Retention: A Customer or Group Customer, if applicable, shall have the option to choose one of the following methods to apply retention:

**Option One (Indexed Based)** The value of retention shall be determined by multiplying i) the monthly average price plus applicable interstate pipeline transportation charges as reported in the BTU's Daily Gas Wire Index for each pipeline (NNG MidContinent Pooling Point) times ii) the Retention percentage times iii) the Deliveries. This value shall be billed monthly. This billing shall represent compensation for Lost and Unaccounted for Gas. The Retention percentage for the Company's South Dakota distribution system is 3.06% and will be adjusted annually, to be effective October 1, based on the actual percentage incurred by the Company for the prior 12 month period ending July 31. Retention amounts collected under this option will be credited to expense in PGA true-up filings. If the Customer, or Group Customer, does not select one of the options presented in this retention section, retention shall be calculated as stated in this paragraph.

**Option Two (Inkind)** The Customer, or Group Customer, if applicable, upon written request, may deliver retention quantities inkind. The request shall include the Customer's account number and the meter number of which inkind retention is being requested and shall be delivered to the Company's representative. Upon the Company's acknowledgment of the receipt of the request, the Customer shall be allowed to deliver retention volumes inkind. The Customer shall have the option to have the quantity of transportation gas received from the transporting pipeline reduced, upon delivery to the Customer, by a fixed percentage of 3.06% (to be adjusted as set forth above), which shall represent compensation for Company-Used Gas and Lost and Unaccounted For Gas. Where fuel reimbursement is inkind, the standard fuel calculation mechanism, as this is related to the nominating process, should be  $(1 - (\text{fuel \%}/100))$  multiplied by receipt quantity = delivery quantity.

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**11. Request for Service:**

- (a) Requests for service under any Transportation Schedule must be made by filing with the Company the information required on the form entitled "Service Request Form" and "Transportation Service Designation" in the Company's effective Gas Transportation Tariff
- (b) Transportation Service will be provided on a "first-come/first-served" basis.
- (c) Service will not be approved, and a first-come/first-served priority rating for service will not be determined and assigned, until all the information required by the Service Request Form and Transportation Service Designation has been delivered to the Company. The Company reserves the right to request additional information from any applicant, but requesting such information will not reduce the priority rating for service if the applicant has otherwise provided all of the information and paid the fee as required by this section.
- (d) Service under this tariff will begin on the first of the month following a date which is thirty (30) days after the Service Request Form, and all additional information has been received by the Company. The Company may, at its sole discretion, reduce the request for service requirements.

**12. Nominations**

Nominations shall be an estimate of the Customer's daily gas requirements for transportation service. Nominations shall be delivered to

Gas Supply & Transportation  
P.O. Box 1318  
Huron, South Dakota 57350-1318  
Phone: (605) 352-8411  
FAX: (605) 353-7479

- (a) **Nomination Time Line** The nomination will be due by 9:00 a.m. CCT for the gas day beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT on that same day.

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- (b) Confirmation Northwestern Gas Supply nomination deadline is 9:00 a.m. CCT and confirmation will become a verification of the flow process. Gas Supply will confirm (Verify) the lesser of nomination volume of gas or volumes confirmed/scheduled by the pipeline. T
- (c) Nomination Process All parties should support a seven-days-a-week, twenty-four-hours-a-day nomination process. Party contacts need not be at their ordinary work sites but should be available by telephone or beeper.
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- (f) Firm Supply Standby Service Customer or its agent, shall notify the Company's representative by at least 3:00 p.m. CCT prior to the end of the gas day of its requested quantity of Firm Supply Standby service gas to be delivered by Company at the Delivery Point.
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY )  
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY )  
FOR REVISIONS TO ITS GAS )  
TRANSPORTATION TARIFF )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**NG97-004**

On March 27, 1997, Northwestern Public Service Company of Huron, South Dakota (NWPS) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of its gas tariff which was changed to comply with the approved standardized business practices developed by the Gas Industry Stand Board (GISB). The proposed changes, which are reflected in NWPS' South Dakota Gas Tariff, Section Number 5, are as follow:

2nd Revised Sheet No 5 canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 5  
1st Revised Sheet No 6 2 canceling Original Sheet No 6 2  
1st Revised Sheet No 6 4 canceling Original Sheet No 6 4  
1st Revised Sheet No 6 5 canceling Original Sheet No 6 5  
1st Revised Sheet No 6 6 canceling Original Sheet No 6 6  
1st Revised Sheet No 7 1 canceling Original Sheet No 7 1  
1st Revised Sheet No 7 2 canceling Original Sheet No 7 2  
1st Revised Sheet No 7 3 canceling Original Sheet No 7 3

Approval was requested for implementation effective April 1, 1997.

At a regularly noticed and scheduled meeting of April 15, 1997, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval provided that the Commission was satisfied that NWPS had stated fully the circumstances and conditions which it relied upon in justifying the application to implement the changes on less than thirty days notice pursuant to ARSD 20 10 13 20.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. Further, the revisions are just and reasonable and shall be approved and the Commission finds that NWPS has complied with the requirements of ARSD 20 10 13 20. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that NWPS' revised tariffs as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after April 1, 1997.



Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997.

**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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By Delaine Kube

Date 4/28/97

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner