

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	CONTRACT WITH
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR)	DEVIATIONS AND
APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH)	APPROVING TARIFF
DEVIATIONS WITH POET BIOREFINING –)	REVISIONS ON LESS THAN
MITCHELL, LLC)	30 DAYS’ NOTICE
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On December 13, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of a contract with deviations with POET Biorefining - Mitchell, LLC (POET Biorefining or Customer). POET Biorefining has reached the expiration of the 5-year extension to their contract. NorthWestern desires to provide this customer with continuing natural gas service and has negotiated a new contract with deviations. This new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain this Customer and will benefit NorthWestern and its natural gas customers through recovery of administration and general costs and common costs from this Customer. NorthWestern requests approval on less than thirty days’ notice with an effective date for the tariff revisions of January 1, 2022.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

30th Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 29th Revised Sheet No. 1

On December 16, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 20, 2021, 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 in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on December 21, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern’s request for approval of a contract with deviations with POET Biorefining and the associated tariff sheet is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern’s request for approval of a contract with deviations and to approve the associated tariff sheet with an effective date of January 1, 2022. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern’s request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with POET Biorefining – Mitchell, LLC is hereby granted with an effective date of January 1, 2022. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with POET Biorefining – Mitchell, LLC is hereby approved on less than 30 days' notice, effective January 1, 2022.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of December 2021.

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: Adam deHueck

Date: 12/23/21

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner