

**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)
ITS GAS TRANSPORTATION TARIFF REVISIONS)
REGARDING FUEL RETENTION PERCENTAGE)

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

NG21-007

On August 27, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). This filing proposes to update Sheet No. 6.2 in Section No. 5 of NorthWestern's filed natural gas tariff. NorthWestern's tariff provides that the Fuel Retention Percentage is to be updated annually and be effective October 1 each year. NorthWestern also proposed to update the fuel rate for customers with an average daily therm usage greater than 30,000. NorthWestern stated that customers who fit this high usage criterion are primarily direct connect customers whose gas system is not subject to the normal losses in a distribution system. NorthWestern requested an effective date of October 1, 2021.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 5

26th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

Canceling 25th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

On September 2, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 17, 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 over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed, effective October 1, 2021. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions effective October 1, 2021. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet are hereby approved, effective October 1, 2021.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of October 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: <u>Karen E. Cramer</u>
Date: <u>10/01/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner