

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)		
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)		ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)		CONTRACT WITH
OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH BEN)		DEVIATIONS AND
CRICK)		APPROVING TARIFF
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)		NG22-003

On March 28, 2022, 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 Ben Crick. Ben Crick desires to have natural gas service extended to his location for grain drying requirements. NorthWestern states that based on the cost of the project, it requires security for the capital investment cost and an annual surcharge in order to protect its legacy customers. The contract includes recovery of the project costs over a 10-year period. The project costs and tariff delivery charges will be recovered through tariff rate 85 plus a fixed annual charge. An annual review will be conducted to determine if the volume requirement is met. On March 31, 2022, NorthWestern filed a revised tariff page.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

19th Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 18th Revised Sheet No. 2

On March 31, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 13, 2022, 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 April 14, 2022, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with Ben Crick 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 May 1, 2022. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with Ben Crick is hereby granted with an effective date of May 1, 2022. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Ben Crick is approved, effective May 1, 2022.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of April 2022.

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: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 04/27/22

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner