

**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 ACE READY MIX, INC.)		REVISIONS
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On November 9, 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 Ace Ready Mix, Inc. (Customer). Customer desires to have natural gas service extended to property it is developing south of its current location. Based on the cost of the project, NorthWestern requires security for the capital investment cost and a monthly surcharge in order to protect its legacy customers. The agreement with Customer includes recovery of the pipeline project costs over a 15-year period. Project costs and tariff delivery charges will be recovered through tariff rates and a fixed monthly surcharge. NorthWestern proposes an effective date of November 19, 2022. In order to meet Customer's desire for natural gas for construction heating during the upcoming winter, NorthWestern requests approval of this contract with deviations on less than 30 days' notice.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

1st Revised Sheet No. 3

Canceling Original Sheet No. 3

On November 10, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 17, 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 November 18, 2022, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with Customer 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 November 19, 2022. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with Customer is hereby granted with an effective date of November 19, 2022. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract

with deviations with Customer is hereby approved on less than 30 days' notice, effective November 19, 2022.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of November 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: *Andrew H. Havel*

Date: 11/18/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner