

**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 BROOKINGS BIOGAS)	REVISIONS
LLC)	
)	NG23-002

On January 20, 2023, 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 Brookings Biogas, LLC (Customer). The Customer intends to deliver renewable natural gas (RNG) produced to NorthWestern for the purpose of transportation. RNG will be transported via a customer-owned and operated pipeline from two dairy facilities. The Agreement includes provisions to secure project costs and guaranteed delivery volumes to support the project recovery over a 15-year period. NorthWestern proposes an effective date of March 1, 2023.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

2nd Revised Sheet No. 3

Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 3

On January 26, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 10, 2023, 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 February 28, 2023, 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 March 1, 2023. 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 March 1, 2023. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Customer is hereby approved effective March 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of March 2023.

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 Duffnell

Date: 3/1/23

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner