

**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 DAKOTA PROTEIN)	REVISIONS
SOLUTIONS, LLC)	
)	NG23-005

On January 30, 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 Dakota Protein Solutions, LLC (Customer). The Customer desires to have natural gas service extended to a property it is developing for a rendering facility near Freeman, South Dakota. NorthWestern will be installing approximately 16,335 feet of plastic gas line. Based on the cost of the project, NorthWestern requires security for the capital investment cost, a monthly surcharge in order to protect its legacy customers and take-or-pay volumes. The agreement with the 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 March 15, 2023.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

4th Revised Sheet No. 3

Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 3

On February 2, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 17, 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 15, 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 15, 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 15, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd 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: <u><i>Adam A. Hueck</i></u>
Date: <u>3/2/23</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chi Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner