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 POET BIOREFINING -	REVISIONS ON LESS THAN
CHANCELLOR, LLC	30 DAYS' NOTICE
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On February 15, 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 POET Biorefining – Chancellor, LLC (Customer). The Customer's current contract with deviations for natural gas transportation service expires February 28, 2023. The original contract with this Customer expired in 2018. At that time, a five-year renewal agreement was approved for service at a deviated rate through February 28, 2023. 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
32nd Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 31st Revised Sheet No. 1

On February 16, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 27, 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-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:20 and 20:10:13:21.

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 on less than 30 days' notice 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 on less than 30 days' notice, effective March 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this _____ 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,	BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
electronically or by mail. By:	KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	GARY HANSON, Commissioner
	CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner