

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

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| 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 SCHNECK FARMS INC.) | REVISIONS |
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|) | NG23-008 |

On March 2, 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 Schneck Farms, Inc. (Customer). The Customer desires to have natural gas service extended to its location to use for grain drying requirements. NorthWestern states that based on the cost of the project, it requires security for the capital investment cost and a monthly 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 86 plus a fixed monthly charge. An annual review will be conducted to determine if the volume requirement is met. NorthWestern requests and effective date of June 21, 2023.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

5th Revised Sheet No. 3

Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 3

On March 9, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 24, 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 June 20, 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 June 21, 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 June 21, 2023. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Customer are hereby approved, effective June 21, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of June 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 de Hueck

Date: 6/23/23

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner