

**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
GROTON, LLC)	
)	NG23-009

On March 16, 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 – Groton, LLC (Customer). 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 April 30, 2023. The Customer has reached the expiration of the five-year extension and NorthWestern desires to provide this customer with continuing natural gas service and has negotiated a new contract with deviations. This new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain this Customer and will benefit NorthWestern and its natural gas customers through recovery of administration and general costs and common costs from this Customer. NorthWestern requests and effective date of May 1, 2023.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

33rd Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 32nd Revised Sheet No. 1

On March 23, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 11, 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, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on April 13, 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 May 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 May 1, 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 May 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of April 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 DeHueck

Date: 4/17/23

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner