

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA )  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL )  
OF NORTHERN NATURAL GAS INTERIM )  
RATE REFUND METHOD )

ORDER APPROVING  
REFUND METHOD

NG23-023

On October 19, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of a method to return customer funds that NorthWestern has received from the Northern Natural Gas (NNG) interim rate refund. The total refund amount due to the NNG refund is \$1,215,928.54 and when partially offset by September billing and after interest is credited, the net refund is \$965,844.39. NorthWestern will credit the refund to customers' purchased gas adjustment (PGA) for all PGA customers. Rate 84 customers' demand is charged outside of the PGA and will therefore be refunded based on their demand. NorthWestern seeks approval with an effective date of December 2, 2023.

On October 26, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 13, 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-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on November 21, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of NorthWestern's refund plan. The Commission voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's refund plan effective December 2, 2023. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's refund plan is hereby approved with an effective date of December 2, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of November 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: [Signature]

Date: 22 November 2023

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner