

Northwestern Energy is one of the largest providers of electricity and natural gas in the Upper Midwest and Northwest, serving approximately 775,300 customers in Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. We have generated and distributed electricity in South Dakota and distributed natural gas in South Dakota and Nebraska since 1923. On February 15, 2002, we acquired electricity and natural gas transmission and distribution assets and natural gas storage assets of the former Montana Power Company, which have been in operation since 1912.

### **SD Gas**

We provide natural gas to approximately 49,800 customers in 80 South Dakota communities. In South Dakota, we also transport natural gas for nine gas-marketing firms and three large end-user accounts.

### **Breakdown of Sales between Jurisdictional**

All of the company's South Dakota gas sales revenue during the test year is under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Public Utility Commission.

### **Status of the Latest Rate Proceeding**

The Company's most recent gas rate proceeding (Docket NG11-003) was filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on May 20, 2011. Said rates became effective December 1, 2011.