

**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 A) CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH POET) BIOREFINING - HUDSON, LLC))	ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS AND APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS NG24-001
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On January 19, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of a contract with deviations with POET Biorefining – Hudson, LLC (Customer). The Customer’s current contract with deviations for natural gas transportation service expires February 29, 2024. NorthWestern desires to provide this Customer with continuing natural gas service after the current five-year agreement expires. This new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain this Customer and will benefit NorthWestern and its natural gas customers through recovery of administrative, general and common costs from this Customer.

On January 25, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 9, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4
36th Revised Sheet No. 1 Canceling 35th Revised Sheet No. 1

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-38A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on February 20, 2024, 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 are 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 March 1, 2024. 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, 2024. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Customer are approved, effective March 1, 2024.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of February 2024.

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: *Kurt Edwards*

Date: *22 February 2024*

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner