

**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 APPROVAL) | DEVIATIONS AND |
| OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH) | APPROVING TARIFF |
| MOCCASIN CREEK RNG, LLC) | REVISIONS |
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On July 23, 2024, 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 Moccasin Creek RNG, LLC (Customer). Customer intends to deliver renewable natural gas (RNG) produced from their facility to NorthWestern for the purpose of transport. Customer desires to have NorthWestern install a natural gas pipeline that is approximately 450 feet in length. This pipeline will be used to transport renewable natural gas from the dairy farm where it is produced to an interconnection point near Warner, South Dakota. NorthWestern states that based on the cost of the project, it requires a fixed monthly charge, take or pay volumes, and a security for the capital investment cost in order to protect its legacy customers. NorthWestern has also included natural gas quality standards Customer must achieve to have gas transported in the pipeline. The contract includes recovery of the pipeline project costs over a 15-year period and project costs will be recovered through a fixed monthly charge. An annual review will be conducted to determine if volumes have met the required take or pay amount. All volume charges will be billed at the tariff rate 87.

On July 25, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 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

1st Revised Sheet No.4

Cancelling Original Sheet No.4

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 August 13, 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 September 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 September 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 September 1, 2024.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of August 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: *Kristie Siegen*

Date: 14 Aug 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Siegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner