

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC )	AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND
SERVICE CORPORATION DBA )	RESTATED CONTRACT WITH
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL )	DEVIATIONS AND
OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO )	APPROVING TARIFF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT )	REVISIONS ON LESS THAN
WITH DAKOTA ETHANOL, L.L.C. )	30 DAYS' NOTICE
)	
)	<b>NG24-012</b>

On December 3, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of Amendment No. 1 to the transportation service agreement with Dakota Ethanol, LLC. Currently NorthWestern provides transportation service to Dakota Ethanol pursuant to a Transportation Service Agreement dated March 30, 2018, approved in docket NG18-010. NorthWestern delivers natural gas purchased by Dakota Ethanol from a town border station delivery point on the Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG) pipeline to Dakota Ethanol's ethanol facility near Wentworth, South Dakota. Dakota Ethanol has asked to meet its balancing obligation pursuant to an End-User Allocation Agreement among NNG, NorthWestern, and Dakota Ethanol. This proposed amendment will accommodate Dakota Ethanol's desire to balance directly with NNG.

On December 5, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 16, 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

37<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No.1

Cancelling 36<sup>th</sup> 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 December 17, 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 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 January 1, 2025 on less than 30 days' notice. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations is hereby granted with an effective date of January 1, 2025. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations are approved, effective January 1, 2025, on less than 30 days' notice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 Fiegen*

Date: 18 Dec 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner