

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC)	CONTRACT WITH
SERVICE CORPORATION DBA)	DEVIATIONS AND
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	APPROVING TARIFF
OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH)	REVISIONS
ABERDEEN ENERGY, LLC)	
)	NG25-003

On May 27, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of a contract with deviations with Aberdeen Energy, LLC (Aberdeen Energy or Customer). Aberdeen Energy has reached the expiration date of its current contract. NorthWestern desires to provide this customer with continuing natural gas service and has negotiated a new contract with deviations. NorthWestern states the new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain Aberdeen Energy as a customer, which will benefit not only Aberdeen Energy but also NorthWestern and its other natural gas customers, through recovery of administrative and general costs and common costs from this customer. NorthWestern requests approval with an effective date for the tariff revisions of July 1, 2025.

On May 29, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 13, 2025, 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

38th Revised Sheet No.1

Cancelling 37th 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 June 17, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of a contract with deviations with Customer and the associated tariff revisions effective July 1, 2025. 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 July 1, 2025. 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 July 1, 2025. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Customer are approved, effective July 1, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of June 2025.

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: Jennie L. Kerst

Date: 06/18/2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner