



September 29, 2025

Ms. Leah Mohr, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, SD, 57501

Re: NG25-005 Gas Transportation Tariff Change - Fuel Retention Percentage

Dear Ms. Mohr:

Enclosed is 30th Revised Sheet No. 6.2 of Section No. 5 of NorthWestern's filed South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule. The effective date of the tariff in the original filing was October 1, 2025. With this letter, NorthWestern is requesting a revised effective date of November 1, 2025. The November 1 effective date will be utilized for all future Fuel Retention filings.

The information required for this filing is not available until mid-August of each year. This provides a limited window for calculation, filing with the SDPUC, Staff review of the filing and scheduling for a Commission meeting before the October 1 effective date. With the revised date of November 1, more time is available to calculate and process this filing. In recent years we have utilized a November 1 date for our Nebraska Fuel Retention filing. This change in South Dakota will provide consistency in both states.

Sincerely,

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