

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY PUBLIC)
SERVICE CORPORATION DBA)
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS GAS TRANSPORTATION TARIFF)
REVISIONS REGARDING FUEL RETENTION)
PERCENTAGE)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

NG25-005

On August 27, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). This filing proposes to update Sheet No. 6.2 in Section No. 5 of NorthWestern's natural gas tariff. NorthWestern's tariff provides that the Fuel Retention Percentage is to be updated annually and be effective October 1 each year. NorthWestern also proposes to update the fuel rate for customers with an average daily therm usage greater than 30,000. NorthWestern states that customers who fit this high usage criterion are primarily direct connect customers whose gas system is not subject to the normal losses in a distribution system. NorthWestern's filing sought an effective date of October 1, 2025.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 5

30th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

Canceling 29th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

On August 28, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing with an intervention date of September 12, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 29, 2025, NorthWestern filed a revised tariff sheet and a letter requesting the Fuel Retention Percentage to be effective November 1, 2025, and to be updated annually effective November 1 each year thereafter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 7, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed, effective November 1, 2025. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions effective November 1, 2025. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet are hereby approved, effective November 1, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of October 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: Kristie Fiegen
Date: 9 Oct 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner