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** **NG26-007**

On September 17, 2026, 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 November 1 each year. NorthWestern also updates the fuel rate for customers with daily average daily use greater than 30,000 therms. 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 of a distribution system. NorthWestern's filing seeks an effective date of November 1, 2026.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 5
31st Revised Sheet No. 6.2 Canceling 30th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

On September 24, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing with an intervention date of October 9, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 15, 2026, NorthWestern filed a revised tariff sheet and a letter requesting the Fuel Retention Percentage to be effective November 1, 2026, and to be updated annually effective November 1 each year thereafter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 20, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed, effective November 1, 2026. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions effective November 1, 2026. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet are hereby approved, effective November 1, 2026.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of October 2026.

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 Edwards

Date: 21 Oct 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner