

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED) | | ORDER DISMISSING |
| BY KATHLEEN SOESBE, SPRINGFIELD,) | | COMPLAINT AND CLOSING |
| SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHWESTERN) | | DOCKET |
| ENERGY REGARDING A BILLING DISPUTE) | | |
|) | | CE10-002 |

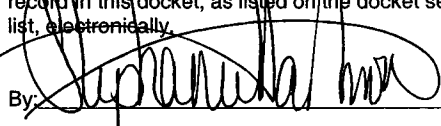
On September 3, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint by Kathleen Soesbe of Springfield, South Dakota, against NorthWestern Energy. Ms. Soesbe does not believe she should be liable for services at a previous residence at a time she did not reside there. One July 30, 2010, the Commission sent, via e-mail, a Notice of Complaint and Deadline for an Answer to Northwestern Energy. One August 18, 2010, the Commission received an answer to the customer's complaint by NorthWestern Energy. On September 28, 2010, the Commission deferred action on the docket. On October 8, 2010, the Commission received a Stipulation for Dismissal signed by both parties.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13 and 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 26, 2010, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended dismissing the complaint and closing the docket. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint and to close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the complaint is hereby dismissed and the docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of October, 2010.

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| 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. |
| By: <u></u> |
| Date: <u>10/29/10</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman


STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner