

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A )  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL )  
OF TARIFF REVISIONS )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**EL08-007**

On March 17, 2008, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed for approval of tariff revisions discontinuing the installation of mercury vapor street lighting fixtures for new installations. The Energy Act of 2005 prohibits the manufacture or importation of mercury vapor ballasts after January 1, 2008. NorthWestern currently has about 4,400 customers using mercury vapor fixtures. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section No. 3:

7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8.1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.2

Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8  
Canceling Original Sheet No. 8.1  
Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.1  
Canceling Original Sheet No. 25.2

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 22, 2008, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20:10:17:03. The Commission finds the tariff revisions are just and reasonable and approves the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariffs are approved and are effective as of May 1, 2008.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Steve Kolbeck*  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

*Dustin M. Johnson*  
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