

**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 A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS )  
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**ORDER APPROVING  
CONTRACT WITH  
DEVIATIONS  
  
EL10-010**

On July 20, 2010, the Commission received an application by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of a contract with deviations to add a second transformer that will serve a proposed addition to the Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital. NorthWestern will install, or arrange to install, approximately 499 feet of underground cable. In addition, a 500 KVA transformer, Elbow Cabinet, and additional appurtenances will be installed and owned by NorthWestern. NorthWestern has requested an effective date of July 27, 2010, and has requested approval with less than 30 days notice. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section 4

7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

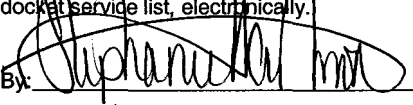
At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 27, 2010, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-38A-8.3, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:20. Further, the Commission finds that NorthWestern's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations and associated tariff sheet, with less than 30 days notice, is just and reasonable and shall be approved for service rendered on or after July 27, 2010. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

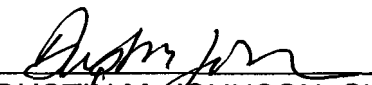
ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff is approved with less than 30 days notice and is effective for services rendered on and after July 27, 2010.


Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2010.

<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:

  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner