

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL
OF TARIFF REVISIONS**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

EL11-004

On February 25, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to revise its Rate No. 73 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service) and Rate No. 74 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service) tariff rates to reflect prices based on 2010 data. The update reflects the Company's 2010 avoided cost of fuel and purchased power. The Company requested an effective date of May 1, 2011, for the proposed modifications to the rate schedules. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Electric Rate Schedule Section No. 3

10th Revised Sheet No. 3 Canceling 9th Revised Sheet No. 3
2nd Revised Sheet No. 30.1 Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 30.1
9th Revised Sheet No. 31 Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 31

On March 3, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 18, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-9, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12; and ARSD 20:10:13:15.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 3, 2011, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of NorthWestern's request to revise its Rate No. 73 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service) and Rate No. 74 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service) tariff rates to reflect prices based on 2010 data. The Commission finds the revisions are proper and approves the revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to revise its Rate No. 73 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Occasional delivery energy service) and Rate No. 74 – Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Time of delivery energy service) tariff rates to reflect prices based on 2010 data, as described above, is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff revision is approved and is effective on and after May 3, 2011.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May, 2011.

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><i>Jacqueline Asdall</i></u>
Date: <u>5-10-11</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner