

**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 TO ITS RATE 38)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

EL17-015

On March 23, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of tariff revisions to its Rate 38. Rate 38 was implemented in Docket EL14-106. The tariff was designed to serve NorthWestern's distribution only point-to-point customers that are under state jurisdiction. In this filing, NorthWestern requests to change the applicability section of the tariff to include wind farm station power in order to accommodate two customers that have been served under NorthWestern's Open Access Tariff. Through the process of joining SPP, NorthWestern will be eliminating its FERC Open Access Tariff. NorthWestern and SPP have determined that the lines that serve these two customers are distribution lines and not transmission lines, therefore these two customers should be served under state jurisdiction and Rate 38 of NorthWestern's tariff.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

6th Revised Sheet No. 22

Canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. 22

On March 30, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 14, 2017, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a May 1, 2017, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions, effective May 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is hereby approved, effective for service on and after May 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May, 2017.

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:	<u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date:	<u>5/5/17</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner