

**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 SMALL QUALIFYING )  
FACILITY RIDER (RATES 73 AND 74) )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**EL18-034**

On July 20, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application 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 projected 2018-2019 data. NorthWestern requests an effective date of September 1, 2018, for the proposed modifications to the rate schedules. At its August 22, 2018, Commission meeting, the Commission deferred this matter based on Commission staff's and NorthWestern's request. Staff and NorthWestern requested the docket be deferred so that customers taking service under Rates 73 and 74 could be provided mailed notice of the proposed rate change. NorthWestern sent letters to the affected customers on August 21, 2018.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30

Canceling 13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30

13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 31

Canceling 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 31

On July 26 and August 23, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 7, 2018, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. One customer contacted NorthWestern regarding the rate change and no customers contacted Commission staff. As a result of the deferral, NorthWestern agreed to change the effective date to October 1, 2018.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with an October 1, 2018, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective October 1, 2018. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after October 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2018.

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| 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>Karen E. Bremer</u> |
| Date:   | <u>09/21/18</u>        |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL)   |                        |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner