

**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 ITS 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN )  
AND 2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT )  
REPORT )

**ORDER APPROVING 2018  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT AND 2019 ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**EL19-015**

On March 29, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of its 2019 Economic Development Proposed Budget and 2018 Economic Development Report.

On April 4, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 19, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 12, 2019, Northwestern responded to Commission staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 2, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's 2018 Economic Development Report and the 2019 Economic Development Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2018 Economic Development Report and 2019 Economic Development Budget are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

<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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>5/7/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner