

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC) RATES)))	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR) AN EXTENSION OF FILING DATE OF) 2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) BUDGET AND 2019 EXPENSE) REPORTS)))
	EL14-106

On December 19, 2014, the Commission received an application by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to increase rates for electric service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$26.5 million annually or approximately 20.24% based on its test year ending September 30, 2014.

On October 16, 2015, a Revised Settlement Stipulation, Joint Motion for Approval of Revised Settlement Stipulation, and Staff Memorandum were filed. On November 4, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Revised Settlement Stipulation and Order Approving Interim Refund Plan. On September 10, 2018, an Amendment to Revised Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Revised Settlement Stipulation were filed. On September 26, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Revised Settlement Stipulation. On December 19, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Granting Request to Deviate from Settlement Stipulation. The Revised Settlement requires NorthWestern to make a yearly filing, no later than March 31 of each year, describing its Economic Development programs. On March 23, 2020, NorthWestern filed a letter requesting the Commission's permission for a one-week grace period for filing its 2020 economic development budget and 2019 expense reports, which would allow it to file on or before April 7, 2020.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 31, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission grant the request for up to one month. The Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern's request and extended the filing deadline to April 30, 2020. It is therefore

ORDERED, NorthWestern's request is hereby granted and the filing date for NorthWestern's 2020 Economic Development Budget and 2019 Expense Reports is April 30, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of April 2020.

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>Adam deHuelle</u>
Date: April 2, 2020
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner