

**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**

EL20-029

On October 21, 2020, 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 2020 - 2021 data. NorthWestern requests an effective date of December 1, 2020, for the proposed modifications to the rate schedules. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

15th Revised Sheet No. 30

Cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 30

14th Revised Sheet No. 31

Cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 31

On October 22, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 6, 2020, 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 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.

On November 12, 2020, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a December 1, 2020, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective December 1, 2020. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Northwestern's request to revise the above-referenced tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after December 1, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of November 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 or by mail.

By: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 11/19/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner