

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE )	ADDITION OF LANGUAGE
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO ADD )	ON CUSTOMERS' BILLS
LANGUAGE TO ITS CUSTOMERS' BILLS )	GE99-002

On April 12, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) requesting approval for the placing of information on a customer's bill. The message that NWPS proposed to put on the bill is as follows: "Now you can charge your monthly NorthWestern bill to your Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card. Call 1-800-245-6977." The statement will be placed in the information message center on the bill for such period of time as would be deemed sufficient to let the customers know of this service to them. The service will be provided at no charge to the customer.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 26, 1999, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the addition of the language.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4 and ARSD 20:10:17:03. The Commission finds the addition of the language to customers' bills is just and reasonable and approved the additional language. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that addition of language to the customers' bills is approved and shall be effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

<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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Helaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>5/6/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner