

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY )</b>	<b>TARIFF REVISIONS</b>
<b>FOR REVISIONS TO ITS GAS )</b>	
<b>TRANSPORTATION TARIFF )</b>	<b>NG97-004</b>

On March 27, 1997, Northwestern Public Service Company of Huron, South Dakota (NWPS), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of its gas tariff which was changed to comply with the approved standardized business practices developed by the Gas Industry Stand Board (GISB). The proposed changes, which are reflected in NWPS' South Dakota Gas Tariff, Section Number 5, are as follow:

- 2nd Revised Sheet No.5 canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 5
- 1st Revised Sheet No .6.2 canceling Original Sheet No. 6.2
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 6.4 canceling Original Sheet No. 6.4
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 6.5 canceling Original Sheet No. 6.5
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 6.6 canceling Original Sheet No. 6.6
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 7.1 canceling Original Sheet No. 7.1
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 7.2 canceling Original Sheet No. 7.2
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 7.3 canceling Original Sheet No. 7.3

Approval was requested for implementation effective April 1, 1997.

At a regularly noticed and scheduled meeting of April 15, 1997, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval provided that the Commission was satisfied that NWPS had stated fully the circumstances and conditions which it relied upon in justifying the application to implement the changes on less than thirty days notice pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:20.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. Further, the revisions are just and reasonable and shall be approved and the Commission finds that NWPS has complied with the requirements of ARSD 20:10:13:20. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that NWPS' revised tariffs as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after April 1, 1997.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997.

**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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Delaine Kaabo*

Date: *4/28/97*

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner