

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A)	CONTRACT WITH
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	DEVIATIONS
OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH)	
SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT GROWERS)	NG05-010
)	

On August 16, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) requesting approval of a contract with deviations with South Dakota Wheat Growers to serve grain drying facilities. NWE is proposing to serve the customer pursuant to its currently tariffed Rate 85, Commercial and Industrial Interruptible Sales Service. The proposed contract would allow NWE to collect a customer contribution to recover the cost of investments in line extensions necessary to serve the customer. NWE has requested approval with less than 30 days notice. NWE filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, 8th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 1

On August 31, 2005, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that NWE's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations on less than 30 days notice is just and reasonable and shall be approved for service rendered on and after August 31, 2005. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations on less than 30 days notice is in the public interest and is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff is approved and is effective for service rendered on and after August 31, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of September, 2005.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
<p>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.</p>	
By:	<u>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>9/8/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner