

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A ) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL ) OF TARIFF REVISIONS )	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION  NG06-011
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On September 19, 2006, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) for approval of tariff revisions requiring third-party marketers to receive approval of credit worthiness from NorthWestern's credit department prior to commencing service based on standards contained in the proposed tariff revisions. Existing marketers will also be required to submit credit information and seek approval as provided in the proposed tariff revisions.

On September 21, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 6, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. On October 5, 2006, the Commission received a letter requesting intervention from Cornerstone Energy, Inc. (Cornerstone).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

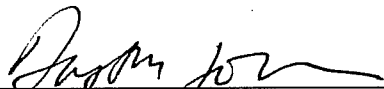
At a regularly scheduled meeting of October 19, 2006, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found that the letter requesting intervention demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore


ORDERED, that the letter requesting intervention from Cornerstone is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2006.

<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>Delaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>10/31/06</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

  
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GARY HANSON, Commissioner