

**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)	TARIFF REVISIONS
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	
OF TARIFF REVISIONS)	NG06-011

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. NWE filed the following tariff sheets for Commission approval:

- Section No. 3, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6.11, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 6.11
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 6.12
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 6.13
- Section No. 5, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 6.6, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6.6
- Section No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 6.6A, Canceling Original Sheet No. 6.6A
- Section No. 5, Original Sheet No. 6.6B

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). At its October 19, 2006, meeting, the Commission granted intervention to Cornerstone.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of tariff revisions is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above referenced tariff sheets are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2007.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of July, 2007.

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.

By: Helaine Kolbe

Date: 7/5/07

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner