

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL) ORDER APPROVING
OF TARIFF REVISIONS) TARIFF REVISIONS
NG07-018

On August 31, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Energy (NWE) for approval of tariff revisions to its South Dakota Natural Gas tariff. NWE is proposing to 1) limit the size of the Grain Dryers on Rate 85 and move the remaining Grain Dryers to Rate 86, 2) modify the Rate 86 true up date and 3) modify the daily imbalance cash out of large use customers. NWE filed the following tariff sheets for Commission approval:

- Section No. 3, 8th Revised Sheet No. 4.1, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 4.1
- Section No. 3, 1st Revised Sheet No. 5.1, Canceling Original Sheet No. 5.1
- Section No. 3, 1st Revised Sheet No. 5.3, Canceling Original Sheet No. 5.3
- Section No. 3, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6.4, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 6.4
- Section No. 6, 1st Revised Sheet No. 9.4, Canceling Original Sheet No. 9.4
- Section No. 6, 1st Revised Sheet No. 9.5, Canceling Original Sheet No. 9.5

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 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 Section No. 3, 8th Revised Sheet No. 4.1, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 4.1 is approved and is effective for service rendered on and after December 1, 2007, and the remainder of the tariff sheets are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after November 1, 2007.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of November, 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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Delaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>11/1/07</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman *dk*

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner