

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)
OF TARIFF REVISIONS)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

NG09-005

On August 28, 2009, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed to update its fuel retention percentage for natural gas transportation service. NWE's tariff provides that the fuel retention percentage be adjusted annually with the updated percentage to be effective October 1 of each year. NWE requested an effective date of October 1, 2009. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

Section No. 5, 14th Revised Sheet No. 6.2, canceling 13th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 6, 2009, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval.

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

ORDERED, that NWE's revised tariff as described above is approved, and shall be effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2009.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of October, 2009.

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: *Delaine Kolbe*

Date: 10/15/09

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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