

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL) OF ITS 2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2013 ECONOMIC) DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES)) ORDER APPROVING 2013) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) REPORT AND 2014) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) BUDGET)) NG14-001
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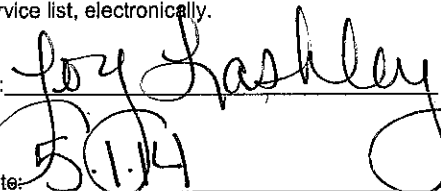
On March 31, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of its 2014 proposed economic development budget and 2013 actual economic development expense report. On April 3, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 18, 2014, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 9, 2014, NorthWestern filed its responses to the Commission's staff's (Staff) first set of data requests. On April 24, 2014, the Staff filed a Staff Memorandum setting forth Staff's recommendations. On April 28, 2014, NorthWestern filed its responses to Staff's second set of data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.



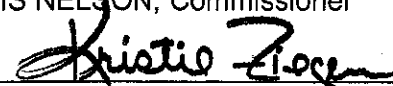
At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2014, the Commission considered NorthWestern's request. Staff recommended approval of NorthWestern's proposed 2014 economic development budget and 2013 actual economic development expense report. The Commission voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's proposed 2014 economic development budget as set forth on revised Exhibit B and 2013 actual economic development expense report. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2014 economic development budget as set forth on revised Exhibit B and 2013 actual economic development expense report are approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of May, 2014.

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.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ GARY HANSON, Chairman
 _____ CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
 _____ KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner