

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**NG14-008**

On October 8, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporations dba Northwestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of proposed tariff revisions. The purpose of this filing is to clarify language in a number of tariff provisions in its Commercial and Industrial Rate 86 Contract Sales Service and Gas Transportation Rate 87 Customer Balancing and also to limit retail customer risk from potential manipulation of imbalance cash outs by transportation customers during periods of high volatility in wholesale gas market prices. NorthWestern Energy proposes an effective date of December 1, 2014. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

4th Revised Sheet No. 5.1	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5.1
1st Revised Sheet No. 5.4	Canceling Original Sheet No. 5.4
1st Revised Sheet No. 6.3A	Canceling Original Sheet No. 6.3A
4th Revised Sheet No. 6.4	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.4
2nd Revised Sheet No. 6.4A	Canceling 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.4A
3rd Revised Sheet No. 6.11	Canceling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.11
1st Revised Sheet No. 6.12	Canceling Original Sheet No. 6.12

On October 9, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 24, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-25, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions, effective December 1, 2014. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that revisions to NorthWestern's above-referenced tariff sheets are approved effective December 1, 2014.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

<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, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>11.19.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner,