

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA ) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL ) OF ITS TARIFF REVISIONS )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS  NG15-008</b>
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On December 17, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of tariff revisions. NorthWestern proposes these revisions to 1.) change the reference of the gas pricing publication vendor, 2.) reinstate tamper fee language that was inadvertently removed in a prior filing, and 3.) add language to allow the resale of compressed natural gas at commercial refueling stations. NorthWestern plans to start the gas pricing from the new publication for the January Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing, and thus requested approval of all tariff changes with less than 30 days' notice, effective January 1, 2016. On December 24, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 4, 2016, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 4, 2016, NorthWestern filed revised tariff pages.

The revised tariff sheets proposed by NorthWestern, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2016, are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 3

5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.4	Canceling 4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.4A	Canceling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6.4A
354 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9a	Canceling 353 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9a
253 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9b	Canceling 252 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9b

Section No. 5

6 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling 5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7.2	Canceling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7.2

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 5, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed on January 4, 2016, with less than 30 days' notice, effective January 1, 2016.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13, specifically 20:10:13:20 and 20:10:13:21. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions as filed on January 4, 2016, on less than 30 days' notice with a January 1, 2016, effective date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revisions to NorthWestern's above-referenced tariff sheets as filed on January 4, 2016, are approved on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 2016.

<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 or by mail.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date:	<u>1/4/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner