

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS)
REGARDING ITS CUSTOMER DATA)
PRIVACY POLICY)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

NG16-012

On October 5, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval of tariff revisions regarding the management and protection of customer data. NorthWestern requests that the Customer Data Privacy Tariffs be inserted in Section 5, General Terms and Conditions, of its South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12. The tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 1

11th Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 10th Revised Sheet No. 2

Section No. 5

Original Sheet No. 8

Original Sheet No. 8.1

Original Sheet No. 8.2

On October 6, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 21, 2016, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 1, 2016, NorthWestern responded to staff's data request.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a January 1, 2017, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective January 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request to revise its tariff revisions is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of December, 2016.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueckle</u>
Date: <u>12/13/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner