

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	CONTRACT WITH
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	DEVIATIONS AND TARIFF
OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS)	REVISIONS
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On October 12, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of a Contract with Deviations with Ag Processing Inc. (AGP) and removal of an expired contract with AMPI – Freeman (AMPI). AGP will be a new customer on NorthWestern’s natural gas system. The purpose of this filing is to provide a contracted lower rate for AGP, who has the option to bypass the NorthWestern system and direct connect with the transmission pipeline, as well as to remove the expired AMPI contract currently listed in the tariff. NorthWestern proposes a December 1, 2017 effective date for the revised tariff sheet. On October 30, 2017, NorthWestern filed a revised tariff sheet.

On October 19, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 3, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

9th Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 2

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-38A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on November 21, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern’s request for approval of a contract with deviations with AGP and the associated tariff sheet, including removal of the expired AMPI contract with deviations, is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations and to approve the associated tariff revisions with an effective date of December 1, 2017.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with AGP is hereby granted with an effective date of December 1, 2017. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with AGP and the removal of the expired AMPI contract with deviations is approved, effective December 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of November, 2017.

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: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 11/27/17

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner