

**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)	DEVIATIONS
APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH)	AND APPROVING
DEVIATIONS WITH NUGEN ENERGY, LLC)	TARIFF SHEET
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)	NG18-001

On January 29, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval for a contract with deviations with NuGen Energy, LLC (NuGen). NuGen has reached the expiration date of its initial contract. NorthWestern desires to provide this customer with continuing natural gas service and has negotiated a new contract with deviations. NorthWestern states the new rate will allow NorthWestern to maintain NuGen as a customer, which will benefit not only NuGen but also NorthWestern and its natural gas customers through recovery of administrative and general costs and common costs from this customer. NorthWestern requests an effective date for the tariff revisions of March 1, 2018. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

11th Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 10th Revised Sheet No. 2

On February 1, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 16, 2018, 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 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 February 22, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with NuGen and the associated tariff sheet 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 sheet with an effective date of March 1, 2018. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with NuGen is hereby granted with an effective date of March 1, 2018. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with NuGen is approved, effective March 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February 2018.

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: 02/28/18

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner