

**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)
A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH DAKOTA)
ETHANOL, LLC)
)

**ORDER APPROVING
CONTRACT WITH
DEVIATIONS AND
TARIFF REVISIONS**

NG18-010

On May 10, 2018, 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 Dakota Ethanol, LLC (Dakota Ethanol). Dakota Ethanol, a large ethanol customer on NorthWestern's natural gas system, is potentially expanding its plant and desires additional capacity. The company's current contract with deviations for this customer was approved in docket NG99-004.

On May 17, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 1, 2018, 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

26th Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 25th Revised Sheet No. 1

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 August 7, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with Dakota Ethanol 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 revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with Dakota Ethanol is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Dakota Ethanol is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of August 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:	<u>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date:	<u>8/9/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner