

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA )</b>	<b>CONTRACT WITH</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR )</b>	<b>DEVIATIONS AND</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH )</b>	<b>TARIFF REVISIONS</b>
<b>DEVIATIONS WITH VALERO RENEWABLE )</b>	
<b>FUELS COMPANY, LLC )</b>	<b>NG18-014</b>

On October 12, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting approval of a contract with deviations with Valero Renewable Fuels Company, LLC (Valero). Valero 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 Valero as a customer, which will benefit not only Valero but also NorthWestern and its natural gas customers, through recovery of administrative and general costs and common costs from this customer. NorthWestern requests approval on less than thirty days' notice with an effective date for the tariff revisions of November 1, 2018.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

27<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 26<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

On October 18, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 26, 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 October 31, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with Valero 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 on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of November 1, 2018. It is therefore

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

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Valero is approved on less than 30 days' notice, effective November 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>11/05/18</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner