

**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 POET BIOREFINING - ) HUDSON, LLC ) )	ORDER APPROVING ) CONTRACT WITH ) DEVIATIONS ) AND APPROVING ) TARIFF SHEET )  NG19-001 )
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On January 23, 2019, 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 POET Biorefining - Hudson, LLC (POET Hudson). POET Hudson 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 POET Hudson as a customer, which will benefit not only POET Hudson but also NorthWestern and its natural gas customers, through the recovery of administrative and general costs and common costs from this customer. NorthWestern requests approval with an effective date for the tariff revisions of March 1, 2019.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

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

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

On January 24, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 8, 2019, 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 15, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with POET Hudson 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, 2019. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with POET Hudson is hereby granted with an effective date of March 1, 2019. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with POET Hudson is approved, effective March 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2019.

<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. Cromer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>02/21/19</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner