

**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 DAN & JERRY'S)	TARIFF SHEET
GREENHOUSE)	
)	NG19-006

On June 21, 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 Dan & Jerry's Greenhouse. Dan & Jerry's Greenhouse, an existing customer on NorthWestern's natural gas system, is expanding its business, which requires NorthWestern to upgrade the existing natural gas pipeline in order to service the increased load. NorthWestern states that based on the cost of the project, it requires security for the capital investment cost in order to protect its legacy customers. The contract includes recovery of the pipeline project costs over a ten-year period. Per the customer's request, the project costs and tariff delivery charges will be recovered through a fixed monthly charge based on projected annual volumes, with an annual review conducted to determine if volumes exceed the project amount. Any overages will be billed at the tariff rate 87B. NorthWestern requests approval with an effective date for the tariff revisions of August 1, 2019.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

14th Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 13th Revised Sheet No. 2

On June 27, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 12, 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 July 25, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with Dan & Jerry's Greenhouse 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 August 1, 2019. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with Dan & Jerry's Greenhouse is hereby granted with an effective date of August 1, 2019. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Dan & Jerry's Greenhouse is approved, effective August 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of July 2019.

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: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner