

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	REQUEST FOR AN
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY)	EXTENSION OF FILING
TO INCREASE ITS NATURAL GAS RATES)	DATE OF 2020 ECONOMIC
)	DEVELOPMENT BUDGET
)	AND 2019 EXPENSE
)	REPORTS
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)	NG11-003

On May 20, 2011, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service in its South Dakota service territory by \$4,123,035 annually or 7.20% based on NorthWestern's test year ending December 31, 2010. On November 7, 2011, NorthWestern and Commission staff jointly filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, the Settlement Stipulation, and supporting Exhibits. On November 30, 2011, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Stipulation requires NorthWestern to annually submit to the Commission a filing which describes the actual cost, design, and benefits of each cost of NorthWestern's Economic Development programs in the previous calendar year and the projected cost, design, and benefits of each cost to NorthWestern's Economic Development programs in the current calendar year on or before March 31st of each year. On March 23, 2020, NorthWestern filed a letter requesting the Commission's permission for a one-week grace period for filing its 2020 economic development budget and 2019 expense reports, which would allow it to file on or before April 7, 2020.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 31, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission grant the request for up to one month. The Commission voted unanimously to grant NorthWestern's request and extended the filing deadline to April 30, 2020. It is therefore

ORDERED, NorthWestern's request is hereby granted and the filing date for NorthWestern's 2020 Economic Development Budget and 2019 Expense Reports is April 30, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of April 2020.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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: April 8, 2020</p> <p 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