

**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) ABERDEEN ENERGY, LLC)	ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS AND APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS NG20-005
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On June 19, 2020, NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed for approval of a contract with deviations with Aberdeen Energy, LLC that 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 it to maintain Aberdeen Energy, LLC as a customer, which will benefit not only Aberdeen Energy, LLC but also NorthWestern and its natural gas customers, through recovery of administrative and general costs and common costs from this customer. NorthWestern requests approval with an effective date for the tariff revisions of July 23, 2020.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

Section No. 4

29th Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling 28th Revised Sheet No. 1

On June 25, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 10, 2020, 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 in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on July 23, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that NorthWestern's request for approval of a contract with deviations with Aberdeen Energy, LLC 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 July 23, 2020. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with Aberdeen Energy, LLC is hereby granted with an effective date of July 23, 2020. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with Aberdeen Energy, LLC is approved, effective July 23, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of July 2020.

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:

Karen E. Bremer

Date:

7/27/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner