

**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 REFUND PLAN)
REGARDING NORTHERN NATURAL)
GAS INTERIM RATE REFUND)**

**ORDER APPROVING
REFUND PLAN

NG20-008**

On October 16, 2020, the Commission received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). This filing proposes to return customer funds that NorthWestern has received from the Northern Natural Gas (NNG) interim rate refund. The refund amount due to the NNG refund is \$771,024.72. NorthWestern will credit the refund to customers' PGA for all PGA customers. Also, Rate 84 customers' demand is charged outside of the PGA and Rate 84 customers will therefore be refunded based on their demand. NorthWestern seeks approval on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of November 2, 2020.

On October 22, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention date of October 27, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No applications or petitions for intervention were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12.

On October 28, 2020, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered NorthWestern's Refund Plan. The Commission voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's Interim Refund Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's Refund Plan is approved as filed on less than 30 days' notice, effective on November 2, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of October 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.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>10/29/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner