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April 30, 2009

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

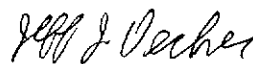
Pursuant to Section No. 3, Sheet No. 35 of NorthWestern's Electric Tariff, enclosed is 37th Revised Sheet No. 35.

Sheet No. 35 reflects changes in the Yankton Sioux Tribe Bill Crediting Program rate to be effective May 2, 2009.

The proposed new credit rate is \$0.00550 per KWH reflecting a decrease of \$0.00578 per KWH from the current credit rate of \$0.01128. This change is a result of an increase in the WAPA Composite rate effective February 1, 2009 and NorthWestern's increase in its Composite Rate, under the Program relating to slightly higher fuel and purchased power costs, filed in NorthWestern's recent adjustment clause.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes, please advise.

Sincerely,



Jeff J. Decker

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Enclosures

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY
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Section No. 3
37th Revised Sheet No. 35
Canceling 36th Revised Sheet No. 35

**Bill Crediting Program
Western Area Power Administration & Yankton Sioux Tribe**

Billings to qualifying Customers (designated by the Yankton Sioux Tribe, the "Tribe", as eligible tribal members) will reflect an adjustment for preference power committed by the Western Area Power Administration ("Western") to the Tribe for its members. The adjustment will reflect the difference between the composite rate for energy per KWH (designated annually by Western for the Tribe) and the Company's composite rate for energy in a bill crediting program credit rate. At the end of each quarter, the Company will calculate a revised bill crediting program credit rate, adjusting for variances between the estimated energy amounts for the program and the actual energy usage by the eligible tribal member Customers for the quarter. Such variances will be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate of return allowed by the Commission in the Company's last general electric rate filing. The revised credit rate will then be utilized during the following 3 months, coinciding with changes in NorthWestern's adjustment clause rates.

Per KWH
Per Month

Yankton Sioux Bill Credit – Energy Charge

All Rate Schedules – (Credit Charge).....\$0.00550 (I)

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Service on or after
Effective Date: May 2, 2009

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