

**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 ITS 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) PLAN AND 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) REPORT)	ORDER APPROVING 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT EL24-012
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On March 28, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for Approval of its 2024 Economic Development Plan and 2023 Economic Development Report.

On April 4, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 19, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 26, 2024, NorthWestern filed a Revised Attachment B. On April 29, 2024, NorthWestern filed a Revised Attachment A.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. After reviewing the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's 2024 Economic Development Plan and the 2023 Economic Development Report. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2024 Economic Development Plan and 2023 Economic Development Report are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May 2024.

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: <u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date: <u>10 May 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Ch. Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner