



July 15, 2015

via eFiling

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *NorthWestern Corporation (South Dakota)*, ER15-511-001
Compliance Filing | Version 003 NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards

Dear Secretary Bose:

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy submits this compliance filing as directed by the Commission in its Order on Compliance and Request for Waivers.¹ The Commission's order conditionally accepted NorthWestern's Order No. 676-H compliance filing, effective May 15, 2015; granted in part and denied in part NorthWestern's request for waivers; and directed NorthWestern to make an additional compliance filing within 60 days.

The Commission directed NorthWestern to submit a compliance filing incorporating by reference all of the Version 003 NAESB standards, and to include in the compliance filing tariff records that indicate those standards for which the Commission granted waiver. Therefore, NorthWestern has revised Section 4 of its South Dakota OATT to include the language established by the Commission in Order No. 676-H² and to reflect that the Commission granted waiver of WEQ-001 through WEQ-007.

NorthWestern submits the following documents for filing:

- 1) This transmittal letter;
- 2) Marked version of the revised Section 4, Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS); and
- 3) Clean version of the revised Section 4.

¹ *NorthWestern Corp.*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,152 (2015).

² *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, Order No. 676-H, 148 FERC ¶ 61,205, P 89 (2014) (Order No. 676-H), *as modified, errata notice*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,014 (2014), *order on reh'g*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2015).



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ M. Andrew McLain

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Attachment



Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2015

s/ M. Andrew McLain

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Attachment 1

Section 4

Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS)

Marked Tariff Record

Compliance Filing

ER15-511-001

NorthWestern Corporation

(South Dakota)

FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff

Volume No. 2

4 Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS)

Terms and conditions regarding Open Access Same-Time Information System and standards of conduct are set forth in 18 C.F.R. § 37 of the Commission's regulations (Open Access Same-Time Information System), 18 C.F.R. § 358 of the Commission's regulations (Standards of Conduct), and 18 C.F.R. § 38 of the Commission's regulations (Business Practice Standards and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities). In the event available transfer capability as posted on the OASIS is insufficient to accommodate a request for firm transmission service, additional studies may be required as provided by this Tariff pursuant to Sections 19 and 32.

The Transmission Provider shall post on OASIS and its public website an electronic link to all rules, standards and practices that (i) relate to the terms and conditions of transmission service, (ii) are not subject to a North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) copyright restriction, and (iii) are not otherwise included in this Tariff. The Transmission Provider shall post on OASIS and on its public website an electronic link to the NAESB website where any rules, standards and practices that are protected by copyright may be obtained. The Transmission Provider shall also post on OASIS and its public website an electronic link to a statement of the process by which the Transmission Provider shall add, delete or otherwise modify the rules, standards and practices that are not included in this tariff. Such process shall set forth the means by which the Transmission Provider shall provide reasonable advance notice to Transmission Customers and Eligible Customers of any such additions, deletions or modifications, the associated effective date, and any additional implementation procedures that the Transmission Provider deems appropriate.

~~NorthWestern Corporation has applied for a waiver of Version 003 of the Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities adopted by the NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant.~~

Transmission Provider incorporates by reference the following standards promulgated by the NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ):

- [WEQ-000, Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Definition of Terms, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Oct. 4, 2012, Nov. 28, 2012 and Dec. 28, 2012 \(with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013\);](#)
- [WEQ-008, Transmission Loading Relief \(TLR\) – Eastern Interconnection, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012 \(with minor corrections applied November 28, 2012\);](#)
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[Transmission Provider has been granted waiver of the following NAESB WEQ standards in *NorthWestern Corp.*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,152 \(2015\):](#)

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- [WEQ-002, Open Access Same-Time Information System \(OASIS\) Business Practice Standards and Communication Protocols \(S&CP\), OASIS Version 2.0, WEQ Version 003, July 31, 2012, as modified by NAESB final actions ratified on Nov. 28, 2012 and Dec. 28, 2012 \(with minor corrections applied Nov. 26, 2013\);](#)
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Attachment 2

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Clean Tariff Record

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