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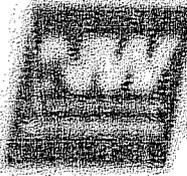
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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF
REVISIONS TO ITS GAS AND
ELECTRIC TARIFFS

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION
 Dr. Bill Johnson, Jr.
 Executive Director
 S. D. Public Utilities Commission
 500 E. Capitol
 Pierre, SD 57501

 Re: Proposed Tariff Sheets - Section 3 Gas Rate Book, Sheet 9 and 9.1
 Proposed Tariff Sheets - Section 3 Electric Rate Book, Sheet 33, 33.1 and 33.2

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of proposed tariff sheets to be included in Section 3 of Northwestern's gas rate book and Section 3 of Northwestern's electric rate book replacing current tariff sheets. The following information is submitted pursuant to the Commission's order in Docket No. F-3563:

1. Background

Northwestern has had purchase gas, fuel, and tax adjustment clauses as part of its tariffs for some years. In this filing, Northwestern proposes to combine these into an adjustment clause which aligns Northwestern's clause with all of the provisions of SDCL 49-34A-25. In addition, the proposed tariffs will help Northwestern to accommodate expected changes within the gas and electric industries related to unbundling of services, and any changes in the tax treatment of utility property or lease transactions.

Representatives from Northwestern are willing to meet with Commission Staff to explain all the proposed changes and answer any questions or concerns.

2. Explanation

a. **Class of Service Affected:** The proposed Section 3 tariff sheets affect all Northwestern customer classes.

2. The Proposed Tariff Sheets Are:

1. Gas

Gas Revised Sheet No. 9
Original Sheet No. 9
Gas Revised Sheet No. 10

Adjustment Clause
Adjustment Clause (continued)
Tax Adjustment Clause - Cancel

2. Electric

Electric Revised Sheet No. 33
Electric Revised Sheet No. 33.1
Original Sheet No. 33.2
Electric Revised Sheet No. 34

Adjustment Clause
Adjustment Clause (continued)
Adjustment Clause (continued)
Tax Adjustment Clause - Cancel

3. The proposed Section 3 tariff sheets would apply to all customers of Northwestern receiving service under tariffs to which the adjustment clause applies.

4. The proposed tariff sheets would apply to all of Northwestern's gas and electric service areas.

5. There are no special conditions, limitations, qualifications, or restrictions, except those provided in the applicable tariffs.

6. Northwestern does not anticipate any financial impact from these proposed tariff changes as all adjustments represent a one-for-one recovery of applicable qualifying costs.

7. Northwestern does not expect that these proposed tariff changes will have a significant impact upon its other tariffs or upon future rate cases.

Northwestern respectfully requests that these proposed tariff changes be effective on April 1, 1998. If any other information is requested by the Commission or the Commission's Staff, please contact Rodney Leyensdcker, Thomas Hitchcock or me.

Sincerely yours,



Robert J. Thomas
Vice President - Administration
& Corporate Secretary

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cc Rodney Leyensdcker
cc Thomas Hitchcock
cc Warren Latsberg
cc Susan Anderson Bachman

ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

(1) The energy charge shall be increased or decreased by an adjustment amount per kilowatt-hour of sales (to the nearest 0.001¢) equal to the difference between the delivered cost of energy, delivered cost of fuel, ad valorem taxes paid, and Comptroller approved fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25 ("qualified costs") per kilowatt-hour of sales in the second month preceding the billing period and the base cost per kWh included in applicable standard base rates, if any.

(2) Qualified costs include:

(a) Delivered cost of energy

(i) The cost of energy delivered to the distribution system pursuant to retail wholesale transmission rates less recovery through (II) below, if any

(ii) Delivered cost of fuel

(a) Fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in the utility's own plants, and the utility's share of fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in jointly owned or leased plants, plus

(b) The actual identifiable fossil and nuclear fuel costs associated with energy purchased for reasons other than identified in paragraph (2) (a) below, plus

(c) The net energy cost of energy purchases, exclusive of capacity or demand charges (irrespective of the designation assigned to such transaction) when such energy is purchased on an economic dispatch basis. Included therein may be such costs as the charges for economy energy purchases and the charges as a result of scheduled outage, all such kinds of energy being purchased by the utility to substitute for its own higher cost energy, and less

(d) The cost of fossil and nuclear fuel recovered through inter-system sales including the fuel costs related to economy energy sales and other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.

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SCOTT COUNTY ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

Section No. 3

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Sheet No. 33.1

(11) All Voluntary Taxes paid

All ad valorem taxes assessed and adjusted for actual tax payments less recovery through (i) or (iii) above, if any

(12) Commissions approved final incentives

All Commission approved incentives, if any, less recovery pursuant to (1), (ii) or (iii) above, if any

(13) Sales shall be all KWH sold, excluding inter-system sales. Sales shall be equated as the sum of (a) generation, (b) purchases, (c) interchange-in, less (d) energy associated with pumped storage operations, less (e) inter-system sales referred to in paragraph (2) (b) (ii) (c) above, less (f) system losses.

(14) Customer billing shall be increased or decreased to offset any changes in special taxes, licenses, franchise fees, rentals or assessments imposed by any governmental authority against the Company's property used in the production, transmission, distribution or sale of electric energy or its electrical operations or production or sale of electric energy or the receipts or earnings therefrom on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

Such special taxes shall, on the basis of Customer's consumption or billing, be apportioned pro rata among Customers within the limits of any political entity which imposes any such special taxes, licenses, franchise fees, rentals or assessments, to offset such special levies and to relieve Customers outside of such political entity of the burden of payment for any such special levies. Any such cost adjustment shall continue in effect only for the duration of the specified levies.

(15) The cost of fossil fuel shall include those items listed in Account 151 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees. The cost of nuclear fuel shall be that as shown in Account 518, except that if Account 518 also contains any expense for fossil fuel which has already been included in the cost of fossil fuel, it shall be deducted from this account.

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A monthly charge or credit will be included in the determination of monthly adjustment charges. Said charge or credit will be determined by applying one-half (1/2) of the overall rate of return granted by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in the most recent rate decision to the recorded balance of the account as of the end of the month immediately preceding the adjustment factor determination.

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

1. The commodity charge shall be increased or decreased by an adjustment amount per therm equal to the difference between the delivered cost of natural gas, ad valorem taxes paid and Commission approved fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-22-01 ("qualified costs") per therm of sales or throughput, or designated portions thereof as identified herein, and the base cost per therm included in applicable standard base rates, if any.

2. Qualified costs include:

a. Delivered cost of energy:

i. The cost of natural gas delivered to the distribution system including all costs incurred in procuring gas supply upstream of the Company's distribution facilities including, but not limited to, gas commodity cost, balancing, transportation, supply management fees, storage costs and peaking services, etc.

ii. Any refund, including interest thereon, received by the Company from a pipeline transporter of charges paid and applicable to natural gas purchased for resale shall be refunded to the customer as a reduction in billings over the succeeding twelve month period or other period determined appropriate. However, in a case where a refund exceeds \$500,000, the Company shall file a refund for Commission review and approval.

iii. Gas revenues collected from settlement of transportation imbalances, overnight delivery charges for imbalances, additional charges collected for imbalances, transportation fuel retention, Rate No. 84 and 85 penalties and surcharges, charges for daily balancing service, and any other similar recovery of gas supply related costs will be credited to actual cost incurred. In addition, the Company will credit actual cost incurred for all recoveries of Gas Demand and Commodity Charges under Rate Nos. 84, 85 and 87, shown on Sheet Nos. 9a and 9b. Resulting under or over cost recoveries will be spread to Rate Nos. 81 and 82 sales over the last twelve months of the first thirteen month period following the incurrence of the cost recovery variance through re-entry in the Adjustment Clause calculation in the second month following the incurrence of the cost recovery variance.

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NEBRASKA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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(11) All Volume From paid

All volume from accrued and adjusted for actual tax payments.

(12) Commission approved fuel incentives

All Commission approved incentives, if any, less recovery pursuant to (1), or (13) above, if any.

(13) Customer's actual qualified cost incurred and cost recovered through the adjustment clause mechanism will be measured monthly. All accrued over or under volume shall be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate adjustment allowed by the Commission in the Company's last general rate filing.

(14) Customer billing shall be increased or decreased to offset any changes in special taxes, licenses, franchise fees, rentals or assessments imposed by any governmental authority against the Company's property used in the production, transmission, distribution or sale of natural gas or its gas operations or production or sale of natural gas or the receipts or earnings therefrom on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

Such special taxes shall, on the basis of Customer's consumption or billing, be apportioned pro rata among Customers within the limits of any political entity which imposes any such special taxes, licenses, franchise fees, rentals or assessments, to offset such special levies and to relieve Customers outside of such political entity of the burden of payment for any such special levies. Any such cost adjustments shall continue in effect only for the duration of the specified levies.

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission



Public Utilities Commission, 500 First Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

March 21, 1998

Kevin E. Cramer
Commission Staff Attorney
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Cramer:

Please provide a copy of all data requests submitted by Commission Staff to any party or interested entity in Docket GE98-001 and any corresponding data responses received to Commission Staff to myself at the above address.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Dave Jacobson

cc: Ryan D. Dornick

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PROPOSED TARIFF SCHEDULES

Rate Sheets Service on or after
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CLASS OF SERVICE Residential Service

RATE NO. 10

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is for electric service to urban and rural residential customers for domestic purposes. Service under this rate schedule shall be single or three phase if three phases available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | Per Meter | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| | Per Month | |
| Customer Charge | \$5.00 | |
| Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge): | | |
| First 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.06146 | (R) |
| Next 500 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.06046 | (R) |
| Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.05446 | (R) |
| Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.04346 | (R) |
| Over 1200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.02046 | (R) |
| Minimum Charge | \$5.00 | |
| Adjustment Clauses: | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause shall apply | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply | | |

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Residential service is defined as service to each separate house, apartment, flat or other living quarters occupied by a person or persons constituting a distinct household using electrical energy for general purposes and including separately metered hall lighting or other general service furnished exclusively for tenants of residential apartment houses.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Service with Space Heating

RATE NO. 11

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is for electric service to urban and rural residential customers for domestic purposes where all electricity is served through one meter, and the customer has a separate and an approved space heating installation which represents the primary source of space heating. Service under this rate schedule shall be single phase or three phase if three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

| | Per Meter | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| | Per Month | |
| Customer Charge | \$5.00 | |
| Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge): | | |
| First 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.06146 | (R) |
| Next 400 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.06046 | (R) |
| Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.05446 | (R) |
| Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | | |
| Summer Period (June 1 - September 30) | \$0.04346 | (R) |
| Winter Period (October 1 - May 31) | \$0.01146 | (R) |
| Over 1200 kilowatt hour, per kilowatt hour | | |
| Summer Period (June 1 - September 30) | \$0.02046 | (R) |
| Winter Period (October 1 - May 31) | \$0.01146 | (R) |
| Minimum Charge | \$5.00 | |
| Adjustment Clause | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause will apply. | | |

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

- Residential service is defined as service to each separate house.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Space Heating and Cooling RATE NO. 14

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to urban and rural residential customers for electric service used for space heating purposes, or for a combination space heating and cooling installation (heat pump). All other electric usage by the customer must be separately metered and billed pursuant to another Company filed tariff schedule. Service under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase where three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | Per Meter Per Month | |
|---|------------------------|-----|
| Customer Charge | \$1.40 | |
| Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge): | | |
| All Kwh: | | |
| Summer Period (June 1 - September 30) | \$0.02246 | (R) |
| Winter Period (October 1 - May 31) | \$0.01246 | (R) |
| Minimum Charge | \$1.40 | |
| Adjustment Clauses | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. | | |

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

- i) Electric space cooling and heating shall be an approved installation and shall be permanently installed.
- ii) Service pursuant to this rider is restricted to customer requirements for space heating and for combination space cooling and heating through heat pump installations. No other equipment shall be connected without prior consent of the Company. The Company shall have the right to inspect installations to assure compliance with these provisions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Residential Dual-Fuel and
 Controlled Service

RATE NO. 15

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to urban and rural residential customers for electric service used for space heating, water heating, and other approved controllable loads. All other electric loads by the customer must be separately metered and billed pursuant to another Company filed tariff schedule. Customers shall agree to allow Company to disconnect service at any time without notice. Service under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase where three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | Per Meter Per Month | |
|--|------------------------|-----|
| Customer Charge | \$1.40 | |
| Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge) | | |
| All kWh | | |
| Summer Period (June 1 - September 30) | \$0.02246 | (R) |
| Winter Period (October 1 - May 31) | \$0.00746 | (R) |
| Minimum Charge | \$1.40 | |
| Adjustment Clauses | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause shall apply | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply | | |

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Water heating

a) Water heating equipment shall be an approved installation and shall not be used to supplement any other system of providing hot water service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Interruptible Irrigation Service

RATE NO. 16
EXPERIMENTAL

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available on a year-to-year basis, for electric service to all irrigation customers for the purpose of electrical use during off-peak periods, "shoulder-period" and "on-peak periods." Customers shall agree to allow to interrupt service during any "on-peak period" with a two (2) hour notice.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

| | Per Meter Per Month | |
|---|------------------------|-----|
| Customer Charge | | |
| Irrigation Season (May - October) | \$30.00 | |
| Off Season (November - April) | \$15.00 | |
| Energy Charge (KWH) | | |
| Off-peak energy per KWH | \$0.01510 | (R) |
| 9 P.M. to 9 A.M. Monday through Thursday | | |
| 9 P.M. Friday to 9 A.M. Monday | | |
| All day on Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day | | |
| On-peak energy per (KWH) | \$0.08310 | (R) |
| All week days, except those designated | | |
| as off-peak, from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. | | |
| "Shoulder period" energy per KWH | \$0.03510 | (R) |
| All hours not designated as off-peak | | |
| or on-peak | | |
| Demand (KW) Charge | | |
| On-peak (during curtailment) demand | | |
| per KW per season | \$81.06 | |
| All other times demand per KW | \$0.00 | |
| Minimum Customer Charge Per Season | \$180.00 | |
| Adjustment Clauses | | |
| a Adjustment Clause | | (C) |
| b Tax Adjustment Clause | | |

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CLASS OF SERVICE Interruptible Irrigation Service

RATE NO. 16
EXPERIMENTAL

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Off-peak periods will be designated by the Company in accordance with circumstance which may change from time to time. Hours of off-peak availability shall be a minimum of 10 hours during any 24 hour period.
2. Individual motors having a rating in excess of 5 horsepower must be three phase.
3. The energy charge will be billed monthly based on consumption. Demand charges, if applicable, will be billed in the month that billable demand units are established.
4. An interruptible facility must carry out the concept of avoiding on-peak power and energy consumption. Dual installations (i.e. two pieces of equipment performing identical functions, one during normal operating periods and one during periods for which an interruption notice has been given) do not qualify for this rate.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Irrigation Service

RATE NO 17

APPLICABILITY

Available for irrigation power and incidental lighting in connection with the irrigation load.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

Facilities Charge

Per Season per horsepower of connected load \$8.125

Demand Charge

Per Season per horsepower of connected load \$8.125

Energy Charge

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| | Per Meter | |
| | Per Month | |
| All kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour..... | \$0.03310 | (R) |
| Minimum Seasonal Charge shall be the greater of the facilities charge or | \$40.625 | |

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. The Company shall determine the connected horsepower by nameplate rating of the motors. The Company may, at its option, test the connected horsepower under conditions of maximum operating load.
2. Individual motors having a rating in excess of 5 horsepower must be three phase.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Irrigation Service

RATE NO. 17

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- 3 The energy charge will be billed monthly based on consumption.
- 4 The applicable minimum seasonal charge will be billed to the customer in equal monthly installments during the five months, or the remaining months, of the irrigation season represented by the months of May through September inclusive, irrespective of whether the customer is billed for energy. All systems, unless otherwise directed by customer, will be energized at the beginning of the irrigation season and applicable facilities charges will be billed for the entire season. Demand charges will be billed in full for each month during the irrigation season after the commencement of energy usage. The customer may choose not to have his service energized and avoid applicable facilities charges; however, if a request to be energized occurs at any time during the irrigation season, the customer will be responsible for facilities and demand charges for the entire irrigation season.
- 5 If facilities charges are not billable during any two consecutive irrigation seasons, the Company may at its option remove its equipment (i. e. transformers, poles, conductors, etc.) or sell such equipment to the customer. If equipment is removed because the customer chose not to be subject to the minimum seasonal charge and chose not to purchase the facilities necessary to transmit service to the irrigation system, reconstruction of the service from the Company's lines to the system shall be at the customer's expense. All materials, except transformers, and all labor to install and remove facilities will be at the expense of the customer requesting service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Off Peak Irrigation Service

RATE NO. 18

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is for electric service to all irrigation customers for the purpose of electrical use during off-peak periods.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | Per Meter Per Month | |
|--|------------------------|-----|
| Customer Charge | | |
| Irrigation Season (May - October) | \$30.00 | |
| Off Season (November - April) | \$15.00 | |
| Energy (KWH) Charge | | |
| Off-peak energy per KWH | \$0.01510 | (R) |
| (All hours not designated as on-peak | | |
| On-peak energy per KWH | \$0.34810 | (R) |
| (9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, inclusive) | | |
| Minimum Customer Charge Per Season | \$180.00 | |
| Adjustment Clauses | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause | | |

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Off-peak periods will be designated by the Company in accordance with circumstances which may change from time to time. Hours of off-peak availability shall be a minimum of 10 hours during any 24 hour period.
2. This schedule is intended for off-peak service. Incidental on-peak energy is available as rates stated hereon subject to interruption upon notice by the Company. Failure to comply with notice of interruptions shall render customer ineligible for further service pursuant to this rate schedule.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Off Peak Irrigation Service

RATE NO 18

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3. An "off-peak facility" is defined as electrical equipment installed to utilize electric energy which would otherwise be utilized during on-peak periods. The "off-peak facility" must carry out the concept of utilizing off-peak energy to avoid on-peak energy consumption utilized in performing a similar function. Dual installation (i.e. two pieces of equipment performing identical functions, one during on-peak periods and one during off-peak periods) do not qualify for this rate, unless one installation uses an alternate fuel source (i.e. oil, propane, wood, or natural gas).
4. Customer shall agree to contract for service under this rate for a minimum of one season. With the exception of new installations, the Company must be advised of a selection of service pursuant to this schedule by May 1 of each year.
5. Individual motors having a rating in excess of 5 horsepower must be three phase.
6. The energy charge will be billed monthly based on consumption.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Reddy-Guard

RATE NO. 19

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available for outdoor lighting of Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Farm and rural areas and for street or highway lighting if regular street lighting is not feasible.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

| RATE | Nominal Rating In Watts | Rate Per Month | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Unmetered | Metered |
| High Pressure Sodium Vapor | 35 | \$3.19622 | \$2.90 (R) |
| | 50 | \$3.32325 | \$2.90 (R) |
| | 100 | \$5.02952 | \$4.00 (R) |
| | 150 | \$5.24555 | \$4.00 (R) |
| | 250 | \$7.42098 | \$5.20 (R) |
| | 400 | \$8.76245 | \$5.45 (R) |
| Mercury Vapor | 1000 | \$18.33081 | \$10.10 (R) |
| | 175 | \$3.33768 | \$1.85 (R) |
| | 250 | \$4.22287 | \$2.30 (R) |
| | 400 | \$6.27156 | \$2.90 (R) |
| | 1000 | \$11.89056 | \$4.85 (R) |

The "Unmetered" cost per lamp applies if the service to the Reddy-Guard unit is not metered. The "Metered" cost per lamp applies if the kilowatt hour use is metered and included with the Customer's service bill.

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.

(C)

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. The lighting unit defined as a bracket and fixture, shall be installed on a pole or other facility approved by the Company. If the lighting unit is installed on the Customer's premise, the Customer shall furnish all facilities necessary to operate the lighting unit. The light shall be controlled automatically to provide dusk to dawn service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Reddy-Guard

RATE NO. 19

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1. Maintenance and repair shall be provided during normal working hours by the Company after notification by the Customer.

2. Electric service to Reddy-Guard lighting units installed on Company owned facilities other than a distribution pole, shall be furnished under Rate Schedule No. 56.

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CLASS OF SERVICE General Service

RATE NO. 21

DESCRIPTION

This schedule is available to all non-residential customers for non-domestic general service. Customers must have measurable demand requirements of less than 20 KW with the exception of school fields, outdoor theaters, and churches, or where it can be demonstrated that customer load requirements occur during evenings or weekends. Service provided under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase if three phase power is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Per Meter
Per Month

Customer Charge \$8.00

Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge) :

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| First 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.08310 | (R) |
| Next 400 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.07310 | (R) |
| Over 1000 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | | |
| Summer Period (June 1 - September 30) | \$0.07310 | (R) |
| Winter Period (October 1 - May 31) | \$0.05810 | (R) |

Minimum Charge \$8.00

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

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CLASS OF SERVICE Commercial Water Heating

RATE NO. 23

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available for separately metered commercial water heating service to customers being furnished service pursuant to another Company filed rate schedule.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Per Meter
 Per Month

Customer Charge \$1.75

Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):

Per kilowatt hour for all energy used \$0.03310 (R)

Minimum Charge \$1.75

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

- 1. Service will be provided to the electric water heater through a separate metered 240 volt single phase circuit to which no other equipment will be connected.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Commercial Space Heating and Cooling **RATE NO.** 24(N)

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to commercial customers for electric service used for space heating purposes, or for a combination space heating and cooling installation (heat pump). All other electric usage by the customer must be separately metered and billed pursuant to another Company filed tariff schedule. Service under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase where three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | Per Meter Per Month | |
|---|------------------------|-----|
| Customer Charge | \$1.40 | |
| Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge): | | |
| a. kWh | | |
| Summer Period (June 1 - September 30) | \$0.02210 | (R) |
| Winter Period (October 1 - May 31) | \$0.01210 | (R) |
| Minimum Charge | \$1.40 | |
| Adjustment Clause | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause shall apply | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply | | |

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Electric space cooling and heating shall be an approved installation and shall be permanently installed.

2. Service pursuant to this rider is restricted to customer requirements for space heating and for combination space cooling and heating through heat pump installations. No other equipment shall be connected without prior consent of the Company. The Company shall have the right to inspect installations to assure compliance with these provisions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial Space Heating and Cooling RATE NO. 24 (N)

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All service under this schedule shall be separately metered. The customer will install and maintain all required electrical equipment, except for the meter. The Company will supply and maintain appropriate metering equipment.

Service pursuant to this or a comparably constructed rate or rider shall be provided for space heating purposes for a period of not less than 10 years after the date of service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE All-Inclusive Commercial Service

RATE NO. 25

AVAILABILITY

This rate schedule is available to commercial customers for all use through one meter provided that the use includes any or all of the following services: (1) space heating, (2) cooling, (3) water heating, and provided further that any one or all of the above use represents the major portion of the connected load and annual consumption.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| Energy Charge | Per Meter Per Month | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| | Summer | Winter | |
| Per KW/H for the first 100 hours of the maximum demand | \$0.08710 | \$0.06710 | (R) |
| Per KW/H for the next 100 hours of the maximum demand | \$0.04010 | \$0.01910 | (R) |
| Per KW/H for the next 100 hours of the maximum demand | \$0.02910 | \$0.01010 | (R) |
| Per KW/H for all use in excess of 300 hours maximum demand | \$0.01910 | \$0.00710 | (R) |
| Summer Period | June 1 - Sept. 30. | | |
| Winter Period | Oct. 1 - May 31. | | |
| Minimum Charge | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | |

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. If space heating is used to qualify under this rate, electric energy must be the primary source of the total space heating.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Commercial and Industrial Service

RATE NO 33

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available to non-residential customers for general commercial or industrial electric service.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Per Meter
Per Month

Demand Charge

Per kilowatt of maximum demand (never less than 5 KW) \$6.13 (R)

Energy Charge

Per kilowatt hour for the first 100 hours use of the maximum demand per month \$0.05358 (R)

Per kilowatt hour for the next 300 hours use of the maximum demand per month \$0.03658 (R)

Per kilowatt hour for the next 100 hours use of the maximum demand per month \$0.02158 (R)

Per kilowatt hour for all use in excess of 500 hours use of the maximum demand \$0.01158 (R)

Minimum Charge

The minimum monthly bill will be the demand charge for 5 KW plus actual energy charges.

Maximum Charge

The maximum monthly charge shall be the higher of (1) the minimum charge, or (2) the combined average cost of \$.15 per kwh for demand and energy charges (C)

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Large Commercial and Industrial Service **RATE NO. 34**

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available for commercial and industrial users of electric service.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

| RATE | Per Meter Per Month | |
|--|------------------------|-----|
| Demand Charge | | |
| Per kilowatt per month for the first 100 hours of the maximum demand | \$6.13 | (R) |
| Per kilowatt per month for the next 400 kilowatts of demand | \$5.43 | (R) |
| Per kilowatt per month for excess kilowatts of demand | \$4.73 | (R) |
| The demand shall be never less than 100 KW. | | |
| Energy Charge | | |
| Per kilowatt hour for the first 100 hours of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts) | \$0.03258 | (R) |
| Per kilowatt hour for the next 300 hours of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts) | \$0.01558 | (R) |
| Per kilowatt hour for the next 100 hours of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts) | \$0.01058 | (R) |
| Per kilowatt hour for all use in excess of 500 hours use of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts) | \$0.00558 | (R) |

Minimum Charge

The minimum monthly bill will be the demand charge plus the energy charge of 100 hours use thereof.

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply

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Discounted Energy Option Rider

Option X

CLASS OF SERVICE All Residential and Non-demand Commercial and Industrial Service

APPLICABILITY

This rider is available to customers who have been on service at the same address pursuant to standard rates for a base period consisting of twelve consecutive months. Once selected, this optional rider shall remain in effect for twelve months and shall automatically extend to additional annual periods unless notice of intent to withdraw is given by either party upon action by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The applicability of this rider is subject to consummation of an agreement between the Company and customer and shall be effective on a basis only. Customers have primary responsibility for applying for service pursuant to this rider.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Base Period Monthly Charge (BPMC) | BPMC |
| Energy Charge (to be added to BPMC) | |
| All kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour | \$0.01146 (R) |

Base period consumption @ current standard rate - \$0.01146 Kwh

BPMC =

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"Base period consumption" shall represent the most recent available twelve months historical usage, adjusted only for supportable variances from normal conditions. All BPMC determinations are subject to Rate Department approval.

MINIMUM CHARGE

The minimum monthly bill will be equal to the BPMC

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- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply

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Per Meter
Per Month

Customer Charge \$9.50

Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):

Per Kilowatt Hour for all energy used \$0.05180 (R)

Minimum Charge \$9.50

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

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~~CLASS OF SERVICE~~ Municipal Pumping Service

RATE NO. 41

~~APPLICABILITY~~

This schedule is available for municipal water pumping service.

~~TERRITORY~~

Company's Assigned Service Area.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Company or Customer Owned Highway. **RATE NO 56**
Street and Area Lighting Systems

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available for lighting systems owned by the Company or Political Subdivisions used for highway, street, and area lighting purposes

TERMINOLOGY

Company's Assigned Service Area

TABLE

| | Nominal Rating In Watts | Company Owned Rate Per Month | Customer Owned Rate Per Month |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Small Pole Mercury High Pressure Sodium Vapor | 100 | \$13,279\$2 | \$1,029\$2 (R) |
| | 150 | \$13,495\$5 | \$1,445\$5 (R) |
| | 250 | \$15,320\$8 | \$2,220\$8 (R) |
| | 400 | \$16,562\$5 | \$3,312\$5 (R) |
| | 1000 | \$26,280\$1 | \$8,230\$1 (R) |
| Medium Vapor | 175 | \$9,587\$8 | \$1,487\$8 (R) |
| | 250 | \$11,372\$7 | \$1,922\$7 (R) |
| | 400 | \$13,171\$6 | \$3,371\$6 (R) |
| | 1000 | \$20,190\$6 | \$7,040\$6 (R) |
| Wide Pole Mercury High Pressure Sodium Vapor | 100 | \$7,679\$2 | \$1,029\$2 (R) |
| | 150 | \$7,895\$5 | \$1,445\$5 (R) |
| | 250 | \$10,570\$8 | \$2,220\$8 (R) |
| | 400 | \$11,812\$5 | \$3,312\$5 (R) |
| | 1000 | \$21,580\$1 | \$8,230\$1 (R) |
| Medium Vapor | 175 | \$5,837\$8 | \$1,487\$8 (R) |
| | 250 | \$9,022\$7 | \$1,922\$7 (R) |
| | 400 | \$9,971\$6 | \$3,371\$6 (R) |
| | 1000 | \$16,340\$6 | \$7,040\$6 (R) |

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CLASS OF SERVICE Company or Customer Owned Highway,
Street and Area Lighting Systems
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| | Nominal Rating In Watts | Company Owned Rate Per Month | Customer Owned Rate Per Month | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Discharge Tube Mounting | | | | |
| High Pressure Sodium Vapor | 100 | \$5.02952 | \$1.02952 | (R) |
| | 150 | \$5.24555 | \$1.44555 | (R) |
| | 250 | \$7.42098 | \$2.22098 | (R) |
| | 400 | \$8.76245 | \$3.31245 | (R) |
| | 1000 | \$18.33081 | \$8.23081 | (R) |
| Mercury Vapor | | | | |
| | 175 | \$3.33768 | \$1.48768 | (R) |
| | 250 | \$4.22287 | \$1.92287 | (R) |
| | 400 | \$6.27156 | \$3.37156 | (R) |
| | 1000 | \$11.89056 | \$7.04056 | (R) |

Adjustment Clause

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (C)
- b. The Adjustment Clause shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions

Company Owned

1. The Company shall install, own and operate the lighting system. The type and kind of luminaires and supports will comply with Company specifications.
2. The lamp shall be lighted and extinguished by a photo-electric control furnished by the Company. The hours of burning shall be every night from dusk until dawn.
3. Replacement of lamps due to ordinary burnout shall be made at Company expense during regularly scheduled working hours.
4. Installations served pursuant to this rate schedule shall be unmetered.

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CLASS OF SERVICE Controlled Off Peak Service

RATE NO. 70

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is for electric service to all customers for the purpose of electric use during off-peak periods where said loads do not represent a replacement of similar on-peak loads. This schedule is not available for Irrigation, or Highway, Street, and Area Lighting.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

| | Per Meter | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| | Per Month | |
| Customer Charge | | |
| Standard Metering | \$4.00 | |
| Magnetic Tape Metering | \$18.00 | |
| Energy (KWH) Charge | | |
| Off-peak energy per KWH | \$0.00842 | (R) |
| (All hours not designated as on-peak) | | |
| On-peak energy per KWH (Magnetic tape | | |
| installations) | \$0.12442 | (R) |
| (7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, | | |
| inclusive) | | |
| Minimum Charge | | |
| Standard Metering | \$4.00 | |
| Magnetic Tape Metering | \$18.00 | |
| Adjustment Clauses | | |
| a. Adjustment Clause | | (C) |
| b. Tax Adjustment Clause | | |

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

(1) Off-peak periods will be designated by the Company in accordance with the circumstances which may change from time to time. Hours of off-peak availability shall be a maximum of 10 hours during any 24 hour period.

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The applicable energy or demand charges shall be increased or decreased (C)
proportionately by an adjustment amount per kilowatt-hour of sales (to the nearest
10¢) or KW of demand (to the nearest 1.0¢) equal to the difference between
the delivered cost of energy, delivered cost of fuel, ad valorem taxes paid, and
Commission approved fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25 ("qualified
costs") per kilowatt-hour of sales or KW of demand and the base cost per KWH
or KW included in applicable standard base rates, if any.

Qualified costs include: (C)

(a) Delivered cost of energy:

(1) The net cost of energy delivered to the distribution system pursuant
to the wholesale transmission rates as recorded in Accounts 456
and 503 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform
System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees.

(b) Delivered cost of fuel:

(1) Fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in the utility's own plants, and the
utility's share of fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in jointly owned
or leased plants; plus

(2) The actual identifiable fossil and nuclear fuel costs associated with
energy purchased for reasons other than identified in paragraph (2)
(a) below; plus

(3) The net energy cost of energy purchases, exclusive of capacity or
demand charges (irrespective of the designation assigned to such
transaction) when such energy is purchased on an economic dispatch
basis. Included therein may be such costs as the charges for
economy energy purchases and the charges as a result of scheduled
outage, all such kinds of energy being purchased by the utility to
substitute for its own higher cost energy; and less

(4) The cost of fossil and nuclear fuel recovered through inter-system
sales including the fuel costs related to economy energy sales and
other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.

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(III.) Ad Valorem Taxes paid:

All ad valorem taxes accrued and adjusted for actual tax payments less recovery through (I) or (II) above, if any.

(IV.) Commission approved fuel incentives:

All Commission approved incentives, if any, less recovery pursuant to (I), (II), or (III) above, if any.

- (3) Sales shall be all KWH's sold, excluding inter-system sales. Sales shall be separated to the sum of (a) generation, (b) purchases, (c) interchange-in, less (d) energy associated with pumped storage operations, less (e) inter-system sales referred to in paragraph (2) (II) (d) above, less (f) system losses. (C)
- (4) The cost of fossil fuel shall include those items listed in Account 151 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees. The cost of nuclear fuel shall be that as shown in Account 518, except that if Account 518 also contains any expense for fossil fuel which has already been included in the cost of fossil fuel, it shall be deducted from this account. (C)
- (5) Variances in actual qualified costs incurred and costs recovered through the Adjustment Clause mechanism will be separately measured monthly for the delivered cost of energy, delivered cost of fuel, ad valorem taxes paid, and Commission approved fuel incentives. All accrued over or under variances shall be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate of return allowed by the Commission in the Company's last general rate filing. Each applicable end-of-quarter true-up balance, adjusted for the next nine month's estimated over or under collection of cost, will be amortized into rates over the last twelve months of the subsequent thirteen month period. (C)

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

| | Per KWH |
|---|---------------|
| | Per Month |
| Increased Cost of Energy - Energy Charge | |
| Rate No. 10 - Residential Service | \$0.00032 (H) |
| Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating | \$0.00032 (H) |
| Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling | \$0.00032 (H) |
| Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services | \$0.00032 (H) |
| Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 21 - General Service | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service | \$0.00035 (H) |
| Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service | \$0.00029 (H) |
| Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service | \$0.00025 (H) |
| Rate No. 19 - Roddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting | \$0.00032 (H) |

| | Per KW |
|---|------------|
| | Per Month |
| Increased Cost of Energy - Demand Charge | |
| Rate No. 13 - Commercial and Industrial Service | \$0.08 (H) |
| Rate No. 14 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service | \$0.08 (H) |

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES (cont'd)

Per KWH
Per Month

Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Energy Charge

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Rate No. 10 - Residential Service | \$0.00479 (1) |
| Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating | \$0.00479 (1) |
| Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling | \$0.00479 (1) |
| Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services | \$0.00479 (1) |
| Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 21 - General Service | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service | \$0.00521 (1) |
| Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service | \$0.00440 (1) |
| Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service | \$0.00367 (1) |
| Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Quad, Rate No. 36 - Street and Area Lighting | \$0.00485 (1) |

Per KWH
Per Month

Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Demand Charge:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service | \$1.13 (1) |
| Rate No. 30 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service | \$1.13 (1) |

Per KWH
Per Month

Delivery Cost of Fuel - All Energy Usage:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| All Rate Schedules | \$0.01120 (1) |
|--------------------------|---------------|

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If the monthly average power factor of any metering point is less than 95% for:

a) Accounts with measured demand

Adjusted demand will be determined by multiplying measured demand (kw) by 95% divided by the average power factor applicable to the billing period as previously determined. The billable power factor adjustment will be the resulting increase in billable demand at the demand charge rate as shown on Sheet No. 14, plus applicable adjustments as shown on Sheets No. 33a and 33b. (f)

b) Accounts without measured demand

Adjusted energy will be determined by multiplying measured energy (kwh) by 95% divided by the average power factor applicable to the billing period as previously determined. The billable power factor adjustment will be the resulting increase in billable energy at energy rates pursuant to rate schedule otherwise applicable.

OPTIONAL RATES

When two or more rates are available for certain classes of service, the conditions under which they are applicable to the requirements of particular customers are plainly set forth in the Company's rate schedule. The choice of such rates lies with the customer who will be given reasonable opportunity to determine his service requirements before definitely selecting the most favorable rate. The Company shall provide the customer a full and complete explanation of the rate schedules at the time the customer desires the rate selected after service is originally provided.

Thereafter, the Company will upon request advise the customer as to the rate best adapted to existing or anticipated service requirements as defined by the customer, but the Company does not assume responsibility for the selection of such rate or for the continuance of the lowest annual cost under the rate selected after service is originally provided.

The customer should periodically investigate his operating conditions with a view to determining desirable changes from one available rate to another. The Company, lacking knowledge of changes which may occur at any time in the customer's operating conditions, does not assume responsibility that customers will be served under the most favorable rate nor does the Company make refunds covering the difference between the charges under the rates in effect and those under the rate applicable to the same service except if an unfavorable rate was initially selected by the customer at the time of provision of service.

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Option X Base Period Monthly Charge Calc

Account # 999999 Customer's Name
 Premises # 00000

| Year | Month | Days | Metered Usage | Manual Usage | Current Rate Cost |
|------|-------|------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1997 | Nov | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Oct | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Sep | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Aug | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Jul | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Jun | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | May | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Apr | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Mar | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| | Feb | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| 1997 | Jan | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |
| 1996 | Dec | 99 | 999.99 | 999.99 | 99.99 |

Use Date:
 Start Date:
 Accept BPMC (Y/N):

Units X .01146: 999.99 (R)
 Base Period Annual Charge: 999.99
 Base Period Monthly Charge: 99.99

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Gas Service Rate No. 81

RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales

I. Applicability

This rate is available to domestic customers whose maximum requirements for natural gas are not more than 200 therms per day. The name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirements, based on 10 hours use per day.

II. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

III. Rates

Monthly Charges

| | | |
|--|----------|-----|
| <i>Customer Charge per Meter:</i> | \$4.50 | |
| <i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge:</i> | | |
| First 30 therms, per therm | \$0.2000 | (R) |
| Over 30 therms, per therm | \$0.1220 | (R) |
| <i>Standby Capacity Charge - December through March:</i> | \$12.00 | |

Minimum Monthly Bill \$4.50

Adjustment Clauses:

- a Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b) (F)
- b Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

IV. Other Provisions

The Standby Charge is applicable to customers using service pursuant to this schedule as a backup fuel source to an alternately fueled heating system. This charge is not applicable where natural gas service is the primary heating fuel source.

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: General Gas Service
 RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales

Rate No. 82

1. Applicability

This rate is available to non-residential customers whose maximum requirements for natural gas are not more than 200 therms per day. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirements.

2. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. RatesMonthly Charges:

| | | |
|--|----------|-----|
| <i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter | \$4.50 | |
| <i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge:</i> | | |
| First 400 therms, per therm | \$0.1141 | (R) |
| Next 1,600 therms, per therm | \$0.0841 | (R) |
| Over 2,000 therms, per therm | \$0.0541 | (R) |
| <i>Standby Capacity Charge - December through March:</i> | \$37.00 | |

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$4.50

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b) (T)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

4. Other Provisions

The Standby Charge is applicable to customers using service pursuant to this schedule as a backup fuel source to an alternately fueled heating system. This charge is not applicable where natural gas service is the primary heating fuel source.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial Rate No. 84
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales Service

I. Applicability

This rate is available for firm gas volumes, on a contract basis, to commercial and industrial customers whose maximum requirements for natural gas are greater than 200 therms per day, and who may also require volumes of interruptible gas in excess of firm demand volumes for which they have contracted. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

II. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota

III. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option, and level of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms), which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges

| | <u>Option A</u> | <u>Option B</u> | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| <i>Customer Charge per Meter</i> | \$70.00 | \$260.00 | |
| <i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge, all use, per therm:</i> | \$0.0364 | \$0.0180 | (R) |
| <i>Demand Charge per therm of daily contract demand as shown on Sheet 9a.</i> | | | |

Gas Demand Payment Elections

- A Annually - in advance, with 5% discount
- B Seasonally profiled
 - January & February 20% of annual charge per month
 - March & December 15% of annual charge per month
 - April & November 10% of annual charge per month
 - May & October 5% of annual charge per month
 - June through September 0% of annual charge per month
- C Monthly - 12 equal billings

In the absence of an appropriate election by customer Election "C" will be automatically assigned. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the Company and customer all elections must be for a minimum period of twelve consecutive months

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales Service

Rate No. 84

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Released Capacity and Balancing Services Surcharge:

For all therms taken during a month in excess of the product of the daily contract demand times the number of days in the billing period an additional \$0.0170 per therm shall be assessed and added to the Gas Commodity Charge shown on Sheet No. 9a. Costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause filings. (T)

Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge plus the amount for therms of contract demand (never less than 50 therms)

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b) (F)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply (Sheet No. 11)

4. Penalty Provision

If customer fails to comply with Company's request to curtail or in any way fails to limit the use of gas to the volume of Contract Demand specified in the contract, then all unauthorized gas in excess of Contract Demand so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in excess of authorized limitations, in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. All costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause filings. (T)

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial

Rate No. 84

RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales Service

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5. Surcharge Provision

During curtailment of service upstream service providers may have available to the Company gas under a different and higher-priced rate than the cost of gas on which this rate is based. In addition, the Company may have propane peak shaving gas available. The surcharge rate per therm for propane peak shaving will be based on beginning of month average propane inventory cost in South Dakota. Should such higher-priced gas be available, the Company may offer it to customers served by this rate schedule with an appropriate surcharge to recover the Company's additional costs in lieu of curtailing service under this rate schedule. All surcharge gas charges collected will be in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. Costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause (F).

6. Procedure for Curtailment of Service

Service, other than firm service, which is rendered under this rate schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company in accordance with the priority guidelines set forth in the Company's General Terms and Conditions, Section No. 5, Sheet No. 5.2. The Customer shall, as directed, curtail the use of natural gas in excess of firm contracted volumes upon two (2) hours notice by the Company, unless the notification is waived by the Customer.

7. Other Provisions

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial **Rate No. 85**
RATE DESIGNATION: Interruptible Sales Service

I. Applicability

Gas service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any customer for commercial and industrial purposes, whose maximum requirements for natural gas are greater than 200 therms per day, provided that the customer's premises are adjacent to the Company's mains and that the capability of the Company's system and the supply of gas available from its suppliers is in excess of the requirements of its existing customers. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

II. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

III. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option which best fits the customer's needs.

| <u>Monthly Charges</u> | <u>Option A</u> | <u>Option B</u> | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| <i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter: | \$70.00 | \$260.00 | |
| <i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm: | \$0.0364 | \$0.0180 | (R) |

Minimum Monthly Bill

The Customer Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

- a Adjustment Clause shall apply (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b) (T)
- b Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply (Sheet No. 11)

IV. Penalty Provision

If customer fails to comply with Company's request to curtail the use of gas, then all unauthorized gas so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. All costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause filings. (T)

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs **Rate No. 87**
RATE DESIGNATION: Transportation Service

1. Applicability and Character of Service

This Transportation Service Tariff shall apply to gas purchased by Customer from a third-party supplier, or through an agency relationship with the Company, delivered to Company's system by an interstate pipeline, and received, transported, and delivered, on a firm basis, by Company to Customer's premises, when the Company and Customer have executed a Service Request Form.

2. Availability

This service is available to any Customer with facilities served by the Company in South Dakota who has Company installed telemetric equipment in place to monitor daily usage. Company shall have no obligation to provide gas supplies to customers that contract for this service without also contracting for Firm Supply Standby Service or other optional firm supply services that may be offered. In the event that a Customer seeks to purchase gas supplies from Company, such sales shall be at the sole discretion of Company.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges:

| | <u>Option A</u> | <u>Option B</u> | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| <i>Customer Charge per Meter:</i> | \$70.00 | \$260.00 | |
| <i>Commodity Charge, all use, per therm:</i> | \$0.0364 | \$0.0180 | (R) |

Fuel Retention, a Customer or Group Customer, if applicable, shall have the option to choose either an indexed based or in-kind method to apply retention, as provided in the Gas Transportation General Terms and Conditions in Section No. 5 of this tariff.

One-Time Charges:

Application Charge \$50.00 with each request for service.
 Telemetering Standard cost of telemetry, installation and hardware, including appropriate tax gross-up, shall be \$2,100 per unit installed.

Minimum Monthly Bill
 The Customer Charge

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs

Rate No. 87

RATE DESIGNATION: Transportation Service

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Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9b) (T)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10) (T)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a) (T)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11) (T)

Other Provisions

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs
RATE DESIGNATION: Standby Service Options

Rate No. 87

(Section 1)

(a) Rate - The rate for this service shall be the Company's quoted rate for the type of supply provided. In addition to these charges, the quoted rate for the service shall include the commodity charge under the applicable rate schedule.

(b) Adjustment of Gas Cost - In connection with the Company's Adjustment Clause, the Company will credit overall gas cost based on rates charged in section (a) above. The Company will provide this information under a separate section of the Adjustment Clause filing. (T)

(c) Billing - Customer Billing for this service will be based on the amount nominated or Receipts. If actual usage exceeds nominations, the customer will be responsible for the actual volumes taken, plus any additional costs incurred by the Company, such as overrun charges on the deficient volumes. If actual usage is below nominations, the customer will be allowed to use the surplus volumes per the balancing provisions described subsequently in this tariff. For Billing purposes only, the gas delivered under this service shall be considered "first through the meter". (T)

(d) Customer's Balancing Obligation

- (i) Transportation Customers will be subject to the balancing provisions applicable to their gas transportation service including DBS levels purchased.
- (ii) Positive Imbalances, at the Company's Quoted Price, will be deemed to flow first through the meter after service under this tariff is completed. Positive Imbalances must be eliminated within the current Gas Month. Any cumulative monthly Positive Imbalance will be subject to the Settlement of Imbalances under this tariff.

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

(1) The applicable commodity or demand charge shall be increased or decreased (C)
monthly, by an adjustment amount per therm equal to the difference between the
delivered cost of natural gas, ad valorem taxes paid and Commission approved
fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25 ("qualified costs") per therm of sales
or throughput, or designated portions thereof as identified herein, and the base
cost per therm included in applicable standard base rates, if any.

(2) Qualified costs include: (C)

(i) Delivered cost of energy:

(a) The cost of natural gas delivered to the distribution system including
all costs incurred in procuring gas supply upstream of the Company's
distribution facilities including, but not limited to, gas commodity
and demand costs, balancing, transportation, supply management
fees, storage costs and peaking services, etc.

(b) Any refund, including interest thereon, received by the Company
from a pipeline transporter of charges paid and applicable to natural
gas purchased for resale shall be refunded to the customer as a
reduction in billings over the succeeding twelve month period or
other period determined appropriate. However, in a case where a
refund exceeds \$500,000, the Company shall file a refund plan for
Commission review and approval.

(c) Net revenues collected from settlement of transportation imbalances,
over/under delivery charges for imbalances, additional charges
collected for imbalances, transportation fuel retention, Rate No. 84
and 85 penalties and surcharges, charges for daily balancing service,
and any other similar recovery of gas supply related costs will be
credited to actual cost incurred. In addition, the Company will credit
actual cost incurred for all recoveries of Gas Demand and
Commodity Charges under Rate Nos. 84, 85 and 87, shown on Sheet
Nos. 9a and 9b. Resulting under or over cost recoveries will be
spread to Rate Nos. 81 and 82 sales over the last twelve months of
the first thirteen month period following the incurrence of the cost
recovery variance through re-entry in the Adjustment Clause
calculation in the second month following the incurrence of the cost
recovery variance.

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(II) Ad Valorem Taxes paid: (C)

All ad valorem taxes accrued and adjusted for actual tax payments.

(III) Commission approved fuel incentives: (C)

All Commission approved incentives, if any, less recovery pursuant to (I), or (II) above, if any.

(D) Variances in actual qualified costs incurred and costs recovered through the Adjustment Clause mechanism will be separately measured monthly for the delivered cost of energy, ad valorem taxes paid, and Commission approved fuel incentives. All accrued over or under variances shall be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate of return allowed by the Commission in the Company's last general rate filing. Each applicable end-of-month true-up balance, adjusted for the next eleven month's estimated over or under collection of cost, will be amortized into rates over the last twelve months of the subsequent thirteen month period. (C)

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

| <u>Delivered Cost of Energy</u> | Per Therm |
|---|-----------------------|
| | <u>Per Month</u> |
| Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service | |
| Gas Commodity Charge | \$ 0.36355 |
| Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service | |
| Gas Commodity Charge | \$ 0.36355 |
| Rate No. 84 - Commercial and Industrial-Firm Sales Service | |
| Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms) | |
| NNG Pipeline Capacity Costs | |
| | <u>NNG Rate/Therm</u> |
| 21.90% of TF12 Base | \$0.5671 |
| 39.19% of TF12 Variable | \$0.6805 |
| 16.21% of TF5 | \$1.1342 |
| GRI Fee | \$0.0260 |
| SBA Surcharge | \$0.0112 |
| GSR Surcharge | \$0.0523 |
| Order 528 Surcharge | \$0.0015 |
| Stranded 858 Surcharge | \$0.0048 |
| Total Pipeline Capacity Costs | \$ 0.67 |
| Supply Standby | 0.07 |
| Balancing Services | 0.09 |
| Total Demand Charge | \$ 0.83 |

The above percentages are based on the Company's contract demand profile with NNG (52.215 MMBtu.)

| <u>Rate Schedule</u> | <u>MMBtu Demand</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| TF12 Base | 11,417 | 21.90% |
| TF12 Variable | 20,465 | 39.19% |
| TF5 | 20,313 | *** 38.90% |
| Totals | 52,215 | 100.00% |

*** Service is contracted for 5 months (16.21% is 5/12ths of 38.90%)

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|---|-----------|
| Gas Commodity Charge | |
| <i>Gas Supply</i> - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of <u>Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report</u> published for the month of billing | \$ 0.1925 |
| <i>Fuel Use</i> - 1.55% NNG and 2.17% Company L&U | 0.0024 |
| <i>Gas Supply Management Fee</i> | 0.0040 |
| <i>Pipeline Transportation Charges</i> | 0.0020 |
| Total Gas Component Charge | \$ 0.2009 |

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES(Con't)

| | Per Therm Per Month |
|---|------------------------|
| <u>Delivered Cost of Energy (Con't):</u> | |
| Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial-Interruptible Sales Service | |
| Gas Commodity Charge | |
| <i>Gas Supply - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of <u>Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report</u> published for the month of billing</i> | \$ 0.1925 |
| <i>Fuel Use -1.55% NNG and 2.17% Company L&U</i> | 0.0074 |
| <i>Gas Supply Management Fee</i> | 0.0020 |
| <i>Released Capacity Surcharge</i> | 0.0140 |
| <i>Balancing Services</i> | 0.0030 |
| <i>Pipeline Transportation Charges</i> | 0.0080 |
| Total Gas Component Charge | <u>\$ 0.2229</u> |
| Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Firm Supply Standby Service | |
| Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand | |
| Rate No. 84 supply standby costs | \$ 0.07 |
| Rate No. 84 pipeline capacity costs | 0.67 |
| Total Demand Charge | <u>\$ 0.74</u> |
| Gas Commodity Charge | |
| Rate No. 84 Gas Commodity Charge | <u>\$ 0.2059</u> |
| <u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid:</u> | |
| Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service | |
| Commodity Charge | \$ 0.0134 (1) |
| Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service | |
| Commodity Charge | \$ 0.0072 (1) |
| Rate No. 84 - Commercial and Industrial - Firm Sales Service | |
| Commodity Charge - Option A | \$ 0.0047 (1) |
| Commodity Charge - Option B | \$ 0.0030 (1) |
| Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial - Interruptible Sales Service | |
| Commodity Charge - Option A | \$ 0.0047 (1) |
| Commodity Charge - Option B | \$ 0.0030 (1) |
| Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Service | |
| Commodity Charge - Option A | \$ 0.0047 (1) |
| Commodity Charge - Option B | \$ 0.0030 (1) |

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE) REVISIONS
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS) GE98-001
TO ITS GAS AND ELECTRIC TARIFFS)

On February 17, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) requesting approval of changes in its tariff sheets for both the Gas and Electric Tariff Section. The application stated: "NWPS has had purchased gas, fuel, and tax adjustment clauses as part of its tariffs for many years. NWPS proposes to combine these into an adjustment clause which aligns NWPS' clause with all of the provisions of SDCL 49-34A-25. In addition, the proposed tariffs will help NWPS to accommodate expected changes within the gas and electric industries related to unbundling of services, and any changes in the tax treatment of utility property or sales transactions. NWPS does not anticipate any financial impact from these proposed tariff changes as all adjustments represent a one-for-one recovery of applicable qualifying costs." NWPS filed its proposed Gas and Electric tariff sheets.

Commission Staff requested further data from NWPS on March 18, 1998, which NWPS responded to on March 24, 1998. At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 26, 1998, the Commission unanimously voted to keep the ad valorem tax clauses separate from the fuel adjustment clause and the purchased gas adjustment. The Commission also voted to approve the change wherein NWPS shall file a refund plan for Commission review and approval when NWPS receives any refund from a pipeline transporter of charges paid and applicable to natural gas purchased for resale that exceeds \$500,000. Approval of tariffs was deferred at that time.

On June 17, 1998, NWPS refiled the following tariff sheets for approval pursuant to the Commission's decisions rendered March 26, 1998.

Electric Tariff

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 4th Revised Sheet No. 2

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At its duly noticed meeting of June 30, 1998, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-25. The Commission finds the tariff changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that NWPS' aforementioned tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service on and after August 1, 1998; and is further

ORDERED that the ad valorem tax be kept separate from the fuel adjustment clause and the purchased gas adjustment; and it is further

ORDERED that NWPS shall file a refund plan for Commission review and approval when NWPS receives any refund from a pipeline transporter of charges paid and applicable to natural gas purchased for resale that exceeds \$500,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of July, 1998.

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| 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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. | |
| By: <u>Albino Krebs</u> | |
| Date: <u>7/10/98</u> | |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner