



July 28, 2016

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

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this letter, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”), is filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) revisions to its Natural Gas Tariff. NorthWestern respectfully requests Commission approval of these proposed revisions.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:39, the Company states:

1. The documents submitted with this filing include:

Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 1, Original Sheet No. 3
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 35
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 36
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 37
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 38
Natural Gas Tariff	Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 39

The proposed effective date for the tariff revisions is September 1, 2016.

2. Brief description of the tariff changes:

The purpose of this filing is to add the letters to the form section of the Natural Gas Tariff.

3. Reasons for the proposed tariff changes:

In its desire to improve communication with customers, NorthWestern proposes the attached changes.



4. Number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual changes in cost of service to such customers.

There are currently 11,462 customers on the South Dakota budget bill program.
There will be no change to the cost of service for these customers.

Sincerely,

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