

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL) OF TARIFF REVISIONS)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS NG07-017
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On August 31, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Energy (NWE) for approval of tariff revisions to the fuel retention percentage for natural gas transportation service. NorthWestern Energy's tariff provides that the fuel retention percentage be adjusted annually with the updated percentage to be effective October 1 of each year. NWE filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 5, 12th Revised Sheet No. 6.2, Canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 6.2

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 25, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of tariff revisions is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above referenced tariff sheet is approved and is effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2007.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October, 2007.

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>Alaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>10/2/07</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner