

**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 2015 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2014 ECONOMIC) DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES)	ORDER APPROVING 2014) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) EXPENSES AND 2015) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) BUDGET) NG15-002)
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On March 31, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received NorthWestern Energy 2015 Economic Development Budget and 2014 Economic Development Annual Report. In the filing, NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requests approval of its 2015 proposed economic development budget and 2014 actual economic development expenses. On April 2, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 17, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 30, 2015, NorthWestern responded to Commission Staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 26, 2015, the Commission considered NorthWestern's request. Commission Staff recommended approval of NorthWestern's proposed 2015 economic development budget and 2014 actual economic development expenses. The Commission voted unanimously to approve NorthWestern's proposed 2015 economic development budget as set forth in revised Attachment B and its 2014 actual economic development expenses as set forth in revised Attachment A. It is therefore

ORDERED, that NorthWestern's 2015 economic development budget as set forth in revised Attachment B and its 2014 actual economic development expenses as set forth in revised Attachment A are approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of May, 2015.

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:	
Date:	<u>5/29/15</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

 GARY HANSON, Commissioner