



March 23, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, SD

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 Electric Tariff. NorthWestern respectfully requests Commission approval of these proposed revisions.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:36 and ARSD 20:10:13:39 NorthWestern states:

1. The documents submitted with this filing include:
 - The proposed revised tariff schedule, Section 3, 6th Revised Sheet No. 1, Point to Point Distribution Only Service
2. The proposed effective date for the tariff revisions is May 1, 2017.
3. The names and addresses of those to whom this filing has been emailed:

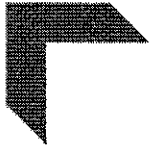
Oak Tree Energy, LLC
c/o Consolidated Edison Development
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Valhalla, NY 10596
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Miller, SD 57362

4. Brief description of the tariff changes:

In docket EL14-106, NorthWestern implemented tariff rate 38. This tariff was designed to serve NorthWestern's distribution only point to point customers that are under state jurisdiction. This included several State of South Dakota Customers as well as two pumping stations for the city of Aberdeen.

Oak Tree Station Power and Titan Wind station power have been served under NorthWestern's Open Access tariff. Through the process of joining SPP NorthWestern will be eliminating its FERC Open Access Tariff. Within the process of transition to SPP, NorthWestern and SPP have determined that the lines that serve these two customers are distribution lines and not



transmission lines that fall under FERC jurisdiction. The result is that these two customers should be served under state jurisdiction and rate 38 of NorthWestern's tariff. The change requested in this filing is to change the applicability section of the tariff to include wind farm station power.

5. Reasons for the proposed tariff changes:

As described above, the change is needed to accommodate the service needs of wind farm station power customers.

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

Oak Tree, LLC and Titan Wind, LLC will be the only customers affected by this filing. NorthWestern has received a signed agreement from Oak Tree, confirming their agreement to service under this rate. Discussions continue with Titan. Titan has received an agreement from NorthWestern but has not returned a signed agreement as of the date of this filing.

Sincerely,

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