

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL
OF TARIFF REVISIONS

EL05-006

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Transcript of Proceedings
May 24, 2005

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,
GARY HANSON, CHAIRMAN
BOB SAHR, VICE CHAIRMAN (by telephone)
DUSTY JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER

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2 Colleen Sevold
3 Melissa Thompson
4 Denny Law
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7 Ron Spangler

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, held in the
above-entitled matter, at the South Dakota State
Capitol, Room 412, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre,
South Dakota, on the 24th day of May 2005, commencing
at 9:30 a.m.

1 CHAIRMAN HANSON: EL05-006, In the
2 Matter of the Filing by Northwestern Corporation
3 doing business as Northwestern Energy for Approval
4 of Tariff Revisions.

5 The question before the Commission is, shall
6 the Commission approve the tariff revisions?

7 Unless any of the Commissioners desire to ask
8 any questions, at this point I have a Motion. Do
9 any of the Commissioners have any further
10 discussion or questions relating to this matter?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN SAHR: I do not,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman,
14 I would just note that the parties and
15 Commissioners did receive a packet of information
16 from staff analyst Dave Jacobson, and I think the
17 Commissioners have reviewed that information.

18 So if Dave or anybody else would want to make
19 any brief comments on that material, that may be
20 appropriate.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

22 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Who has joined us?
23 Who has just said hello?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is VOAD.
25 Do we have the right call?

1 CHAIRMAN HANSON: You're with the
2 Public Utilities Commission meeting.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Never
4 mind. Good luck.

5 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Mr. Jacobson.

6 MR. JACOBSON: The information I
7 sent out was merely a flexible and contract of
8 deviation tariff information that's on file with
9 the Commission.

10 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you very
11 much.

12 I will move at this time that the Commission
13 deny the tariff revisions.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN SAHR: And I will
15 second.

16 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I would
17 dissent.

18 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Motion carries.
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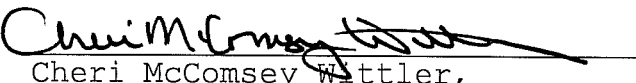
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COUNTY OF HUGHES)

I, CHERI MCCOMSEY WITTLER, a Registered
Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the
State of South Dakota:

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that as the duly-appointed
shorthand reporter, I took in shorthand the proceedings
had in the above-entitled matter on the 24th day of
May 2005, and that the attached is a true and
correct transcription of the proceedings so taken.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota this 6th day
of June 2005.


Cheri McComsey Wittler,
Notary Public and
Registered Professional Reporter

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