

**SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

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**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

**TERRITORY SERVED**

Northwestern Public Service Company provides electric service at retail in all portions of its Assigned Service Area established by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Official Territorial Maps are on file with the Public Utilities Commission. The Company's Assigned Service Area includes the following communities:

Aberdeen	Cuthbert	Kranzburg	Scotland
Alpena	Dante	Lake Andes	Springfield
Amherst	Delmont	Lane	Stickney
Andover	Dimock	Lesterville	Storla
Armour	Doland	Letcher	Stratford
Ashton	Ethan	Lily	St. Lawrence
Athol	Faulkton	Loomis	Tripp
Avon	Florence	Loyalton	Tulare
Bancroft	Frankfort	Manchester	Turton
Barnard	Freeman	Mellette	Utica
Bemis	Garden City	Menno	Vayland
Blunt	Geddes	Miranda	Vienna
Bonilla	Goodwin	Mission Hill	Virgil
Bradley	Grover	Mitchell	Wagner
Brentford	Harrold	Mount Vernon	Wallace
Bristol	Hazel	Naples	Warner
Broadland	Henry	Northville	Webster
Butler	Highmore	Olivet	Wecota
Cavour	Hitchcock	Orient	Wessington
Chamberlain	Holabird	Parkston	Westport
Chelsea	Holmquist	Pierpont	White Lake
Claremont	Huron	Platte	Willow Lake
Clark	Iroquois	Ravinia	Wolsey
Columbia	Kampeska	Raymond	Woonsocket
Conde	Kaylor	Redfield	Yale
Corsica	Kimball	Ree Heights	Yankton
Cresbard	Kingsburg	Rockham	Zell

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#### TYPES AND CLASSES OF SERVICES

Service shall be alternating current at 60 Hertz and shall be single phase at secondary voltage unless otherwise provided in the rate schedule.

#### DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS

The following symbols on rate schedules or terms and conditions shall signify the following revisions:

C	To signify changed listing, rule or condition which may affect rates or charges.	T
D	To signify discontinued material, including listing, rate, rule or condition.	T
I	To signify increase.	T
L	To signify material relocated from or to another part of tariff schedules with no change in text, rate, rule or condition.	T
N	To signify new material including listing, rate, rule, or condition.	T
R	To signify reduction.	T
T	To signify change in wording of text but no change in rate, rule or condition.	T

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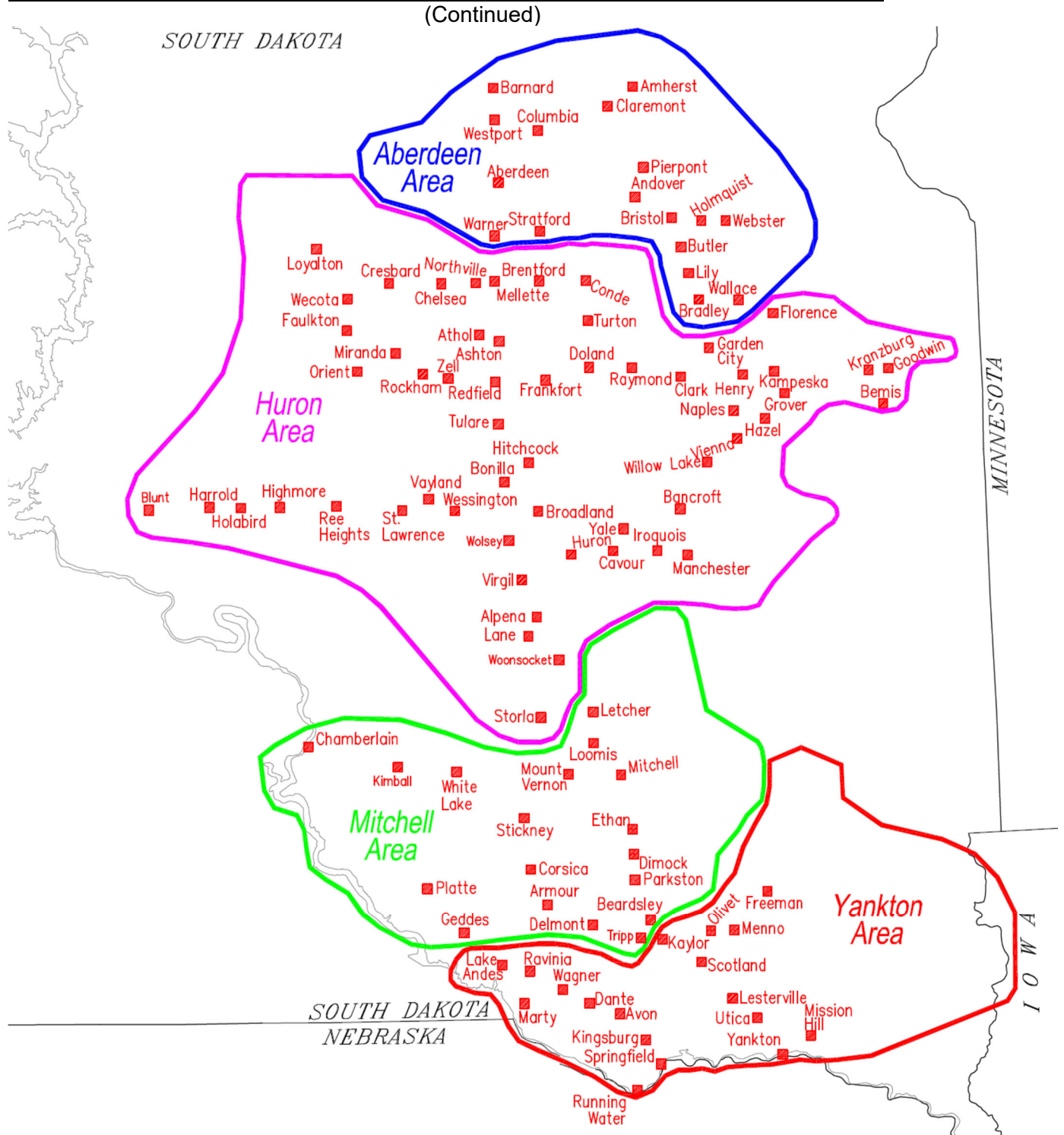
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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Service

RATE NO. 10

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is for electric service to urban and rural residential customers for domestic purposes. Service under this rate schedule shall be single or three phase if three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
Customer Charge	\$ 6.00
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
First 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.09476
Next 600 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.09322
Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.08397
Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.06701
Over 1200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.03153
Minimum Charge .....	\$ 6.00
Adjustment Clauses	
a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.	
b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.	
c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.	

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Residential service is defined as service to each separate house, apartment, flat or other living quarters occupied by a person or persons constituting a distinct household using electrical energy for general purposes and including separately metered hall lighting or other general service furnished exclusively for tenants of residential apartment houses.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Service with Space Heating RATE NO. 11

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is for electric service to urban and rural residential customers for domestic purposes where all electricity is served through one meter, and the customer has in regular use an approved space heating installation which represents the primary source of space heating. Service under this rate schedule shall be single phase or three phase if three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

	Per Meter Per Month
Customer Charge .....	\$6.00
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
First 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.09476
Next 600 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.09322
Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.08397
Next 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour	
Summer Period (June 1 - September 30).....	\$0.06701
Winter Period (October 1 - May 31).....	\$0.02614
Over 1200 kilowatt hour, per kilowatt hour	
Summer Period (June 1 - September 30).....	\$0.03153
Winter Period (October 1 - May 31).....	\$0.02614
Minimum Charge.....	\$6.00
Adjustment Clause	
a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.	
b. Tax Adjustment Clause will apply.	
c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.	

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

- 1. Residential service is defined as service to each separate house,

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apartment, flat or other living quarters occupied by a person or persons constituting a distinct household using electrical energy for general purposes and including separately metered hall lighting or other general service furnished exclusively for tenants of residential apartment houses.

2. Service pursuant to this or a comparably constructed rate or rider in terms of an offering of promotional pricing directed at space heating requirements shall be available for a period of not less than 10 years after commencement of service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Space Heating and Cooling RATE NO. 14

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to urban and rural residential customers for electric service used for space heating purposes, or for a combination space heating and cooling installation (heat pump). All other electric usage by the customer must be separately metered and billed pursuant to another Company filed tariff schedule. Service under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase where three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Customer Charge .....	\$3.00
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
All kilowatt hours:	
Summer Period (June 1 - September 30).....	\$0.03699
Winter Period (October 1 - May 31).....	\$0.02862
Minimum Charge .....	\$3.00
Adjustment Clauses	
a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.	
b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.	
c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.	

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Electric space cooling and heating shall be an approved installation and shall be permanently installed.
2. Service pursuant to this rider is restricted to customer requirements for space heating and for combination space cooling and heating through heat pump installations. No other equipment shall be connected without prior consent of the Company. The Company shall have the right to inspect installations to assure compliance with these provisions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Space Heating and Cooling RATE NO. 14

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3. All service under this schedule shall be separately metered. The customer will purchase, install, and maintain all required additional electrical equipment, except for the meter. The Company will supply and maintain appropriate metering equipment.
4. Service pursuant to this or a comparably constructed rate or rider shall be available for space heating purposes for a period of not less than 10 years after commencement of service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Dual-Fuel and RATE NO. 15  
 Controlled Service

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to urban and rural residential customers for electric service used for space heating, water heating (excludes tankless water heaters), and other approved controllable loads. All other electric usage by the customer must be separately metered and billed pursuant to another Company filed tariff schedule. Customers shall agree to allow Company to interrupt service at any time without notice. Service under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase where three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
Customer Charge .....	\$3.00
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
All kilowatt:	
Summer Period (June 1 - September 30).....	\$0.03699
Winter Period (October 1 - May 31).....	\$0.02362
Minimum Charge .....	\$3.00
Adjustment Clauses	
a. Adjustment Clause shall apply	
b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.	
c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.	

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Water heating
  - a) Water heating equipment shall be an approved installation and shall not be used to supplement any other system of providing hot water service.

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- b. An approved water heating installation shall include an approved time clock or other timing device which will retract service to installation to hours prescribed by the Company. Electrical energy will be supplied for a minimum of 10 hours during any 24 hour period.
  
- c. The water heater installation shall be equipped with thermostatically controlled non-inductive heating elements designed for a nominal voltage of 240 volts single phase service. Water heaters shall have a tank capacity of not less than 50 gallons and an electric capacity of not more than 5,000 watts at 240 volts. If two elements are used, interlocking controls are required to prevent simultaneous operations.

2. Space Heating

- a. Electric space heating shall be an approved dual fuel installation where electric space heating represents the primary source of space heating for the dwelling. The installation shall be designed to operate at 240 volts single phase and shall be permanently installed. Electric heating equipment shall be an alternate source of space heating to fuels other than natural gas or electricity.
  
- b. An approved dual-fuel installation shall be wired so that when electric service is interrupted, heating responsibility is immediately and automatically shifted to the alternately fueled heating system. In the event a customer seeking service pursuant to this tariff does not provide appropriate automatic switching control gear, a single waiver of responsibility for any possible damages must be received in lieu thereof. Electric service will be interrupted without notice to customer.
  
- c. Service pursuant to this rider is restricted to customer controllable requirements. No other equipment shall be connected without prior consent of the Company. The Company shall have the right to inspect installations to assure compliance with these provisions.

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- d. Customer's dual-fuel system controls, fans, pumps and other associated equipment shall not be included on the interruptible circuit.
  
- 3. All service under this schedule shall be separately metered. The customer will purchase, install & maintain all required additional electrical equipment except for the meter. The Company will supply and maintain the necessary metering. Wiring by the customer shall be such that meters and controls are located outside the building; where meters and controls are separate, they shall supply and maintain the necessary low voltage relay and an approved relay switching device in a sealable enclosure to enable Company to control customer's loads. For large controlled loads, the customer's controllable load interrupting device may, with Company approval, be located inside the building adjacent to customer's main disconnects.
  
- 4. Service pursuant to this or a comparably constructed rate or rider shall be available for space and water heating purposes for a period of not less than 10 years after commencement of service.



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CLASS OF SERVICE: Interruptible Irrigation Service

RATE NO. 16

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### OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Off-peak periods will be designated by the Company in accordance with circumstance which may change from time to time. Hours of off-peak availability shall be a minimum of 10 hours during any 24 hour period.
2. Individual motors having a rating in excess of 5 horsepower must be three phase.
3. The energy charge will be billed monthly based on consumption. Demand charges, if applicable, will be billed in the month that billable demand units are established.
4. An interruptible facility must carry out the concept of avoiding on-peak power and energy consumption. Dual installations (i.e. two pieces of equipment performing identical functions, one during normal operating periods and one during periods for which an interruption notice has been given) do not qualify for this rate.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Irrigation Service RATE NO 17

**APPLICABILITY**

Available for irrigation power and incidental lighting in connection with the irrigation load.

**TERRITORY**

Company's Assigned Service Area.

**RATE**

Facilities Charge		
Per Season per horsepower of connected load .....	\$12.175	
Demand Charge		
Per Season per horsepower of connected load .....	\$12.175	
Energy Charge		
		<u>Per Meter</u>
		<u>Per Month</u>
All kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....		\$0.04960
Minimum Seasonal Charge shall be the greater of the		
Facilities charge or .....	\$60.875	
Adjustment Clauses		
a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.		
b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.		
c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.		

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**OTHER PROVISIONS**

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. The Company shall determine the connected horsepower by nameplate rating of the motors. The Company may, at its option, test the connected horsepower under conditions of maximum operating load.
2. Individual motors having a rating in excess of 5 horsepower must be three phase.

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3. The energy charge will be billed monthly based on consumption.
  
4. The applicable minimum seasonal charge will be billed to the customer in equal monthly installments during the five months, or the remaining months, of the irrigation season represented by the months of May through September inclusive, irrespective of whether the customer is billed for energy. All systems, unless otherwise directed by customer, will be energized at the beginning of the irrigation season and applicable facilities charges will be billed for the entire season. Demand charges will be billed in full for each month during the irrigation season after the commencement of energy usage. The customer may choose not to have his service energized and avoid applicable facilities charges; however, if a request to be energized occurs at any time during the irrigation season, the customer will be responsible for facilities and demand charges for the entire irrigation season.
  
5. If facilities charges are not billable during any two consecutive irrigation seasons, the Company may, at its option, remove its equipment (i.e. transformers, poles, conductors, etc.) or sell such equipment to the customer. If equipment is removed because the customer chose not to be subject to the minimum seasonal charge and chose not to purchase the facilities necessary to transmit service to the irrigation system, reconstruction of the service from the Company's lines to the system shall be at the customer's expense. All materials, except transformers, and all labor to install and remove facilities will be at the expense of the customer requesting service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Reddy-Guard

RATE NO. 19

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available for outdoor lighting of Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Farm and rural areas, and for street or highway lighting if regular street lighting is not feasible.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

<u>RATE</u>	Nominal Rating <u>In Watts</u>	Rate Per Month <u>Unmetered</u>	Rate Per Month <u>Metered</u>
High Pressure Sodium Vapor	35	\$4.00	\$3.63
	50	\$4.15	\$3.63
	100	\$7.43	\$5.00
	150	\$7.75	\$5.88
	250	\$10.96	\$7.64
	400	\$12.94	\$8.05
	1000	\$27.07	\$14.92
Mercury Vapor	175	\$4.92	\$2.31
	250	\$6.24	\$2.88
	400	\$9.26	\$3.63
	1000	\$17.56	\$7.10
Metal Halide	175	\$5.05	\$2.73
	250	\$6.43	\$6.35
	400	\$9.43	\$8.05
	1000	\$17.56	
LED	48	\$8.13	\$7.31
	73	\$10.16	\$8.92

The "Unmetered" cost per lamp applies if the service to the Reddy-Guard unit is not metered. The "Metered" cost per lamp applies if the kilowatt hour use is metered and included with the Customer's service bill.

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Reddy-Guard RATE NO. 19  
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Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions: L

OTHER PROVISIONS L

- 1. Due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, after May 1, 2008, the Company will no longer install Mercury Vapor fixtures for new installations. L
- 2. The lighting unit, defined as a bracket and fixture, shall be installed on a pole or other facility approved by the Company. If the lighting unit is installed on the Customer's premise, the Customer shall furnish all facilities necessary to operate the lighting unit. The light shall be controlled automatically to provide dusk to dawn service. L
- 3. Maintenance and repair shall be provided during normal working hours by the Company after notification by the Customer. L
- 4. Electric service to Reddy-Guard lighting units installed on Company owned facilities, other than a distribution pole, shall be furnished under Rate Schedule No. 56. TL

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CLASS OF SERVICE: General Service

RATE NO. 21

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to all non-residential customers for non-domestic general service. Customers must have measurable demand requirements of less than 20 kilowatt with the exception of athletic fields, outdoor theaters, and churches, or where it can be demonstrated that customer load requirements occur during evenings or weekends. Service provided under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase if three phase power is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Per Meter  
Per Month

Customer Charge..... \$10.00

Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):

First 200 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.12118
Next 800 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour.....	\$0.10686
Over 1000 kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	
Summer Period (June 1 - September 30).....	\$0.10686
Winter Period (October 1 - May 31).....	\$0.08542
Minimum Charge.....	\$10.00

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial Space Heating and Cooling      RATE NO. 24

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to commercial customers for electric service used for space heating purposes, or for a combination space heating and cooling installation (heat pump). All other electric usage by the customer must be separately metered and billed pursuant to another Company filed tariff schedule. Service under this schedule shall be single phase or three phase where three phase is available.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Per Meter  
Per Month

Customer Charge .....	\$5.00
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
All kilowatt hours:	
Summer Period (June 1 - September 30).....	\$0.04678
Winter Period (October 1 - May 31).....	\$0.02605
Minimum Charge .....	\$5.00

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Electric space cooling and heating shall be an approved installation and shall be permanently installed.
2. Service pursuant to this rider is restricted to customer requirements for space heating and for combination space cooling and heating through heat pump installations. No other equipment shall be connected without prior consent of the Company. The Company shall have the right to inspect installations to assure compliance with these provisions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial Space Heating and Cooling      RATE NO. 24 (N)

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3. All service under this schedule shall be separately metered. The customer will purchase, install and maintain all required electrical equipment, except for the meter. The Company will supply and maintain appropriate metering equipment.
4. Service pursuant to this or a comparably constructed rate or rider shall be available for space heating purposes for a period of not less than 10 years after commencement of service.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: All-Inclusive Commercial Service RATE NO. 25

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available to commercial customers for all use through one meter provided that the use includes any or all of the following services: (1) space heating, (2) cooking, and (3) water heating (excluding tankless water heaters); and provided further that any one or all of the above uses represents the major portion of the connected load and annual consumption.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Energy Charge	Per Meter Per Month	
	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Per kilowatt hour for the first 100 hours of the maximum demand .....	\$0.14088	\$0.10849
Per kilowatt hour for the next 100 hours of the maximum demand .....	\$0.06478	\$0.03078
Per kilowatt hour for the next 100 hours of the maximum demand .....	\$0.04697	\$0.01620
Per kilowatt hour for all use in excess of 300 hours maximum demand.....	\$0.03078	\$0.01135
Summer Period..... (June 1 - Sept. 30)		
Winter Period..... (Oct. 1 - May 31)		
Minimum Charge.....	\$15.00	\$15.00

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. If space heating is used to qualify under this rate, electric energy must be the primary source of the total space heating.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial Service RATE NO. 33

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available to non-residential customers for general commercial or industrial electric service.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

Per Meter  
Per Month

Demand Charge	
Per kilowatt of maximum demand (never less than 5 kilowatt) .....	\$11.05
Energy Charge	
Per kilowatt hour for the first 100 hours use of the maximum demand per month.....	\$0.06659
Per kilowatt hour for the next 300 hours use of the maximum demand per month.....	\$0.04580
Per kilowatt hour for the next 100 hours use of the maximum demand per month.....	\$0.02706
Per kilowatt hour for all use in excess of 500 hours use of the maximum demand .....	\$0.01455

Minimum Charge

The minimum monthly bill will be the demand charge for 5 kilowatt plus actual energy charges.

Maximum Charge

The maximum monthly charge shall be the higher of (1) the minimum charge or (2) the combined average cost of \$0.20 per kilowatt hour for demand and energy charges.

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial Service                      RATE NO. 33

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. If the metering is at primary voltage, 2% of the total kilowatt hours supplied will be deducted to obtain the number of kilowatt hours to determine the energy charge to the customer. Primary voltage metering must be approved by the Company.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Large Commercial and Industrial Service RATE NO. 34

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available for commercial and industrial users of electric service.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

Per Meter  
Per Month

Demand Charge

Per kilowatt per month for the first 100 hours of the maximum demand .....	\$11.05
Per kilowatt per month for the next 400 kilowatts of the maximum demand .....	\$9.79
Per kilowatt per month for excess kilowatts of the maximum demand .....	\$8.53
The demand shall be never less than 100 kilowatt.	

Energy Charge

Per kilowatt hour for the first 100 hours of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts).....	\$0.04911
Per kilowatt hour for the next 300 hours of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts).....	\$0.02348
Per kilowatt hour for the next 100 hours of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts).....	\$0.01595
Per kilowatt hour for all use in excess of 500 hours use of the maximum demand (never less than 100 kilowatts).....	\$0.00841

Minimum Charge

The minimum monthly bill will be the demand charge plus the energy charge of 100 hours use thereof.

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Large Commercial and Industrial Service      RATE NO. 34

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. If the metering is at primary voltage, 2% of the total kilowatt hours supplied will be deducted to obtain the number of kilowatt hours to determine the energy charge to the customer. Primary voltage metering must be approved by the Company.

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Discounted Energy Option Rider

Option  X

**CLASS OF SERVICE:** All Residential and Non-demand Commercial  
and Industrial Service

APPLICABILITY

Effective with the approval of Commission Docket EL14-106 this rider is no longer available for new customers or for renewal of any current contracts. This rider will terminate for all remaining customers five years after the final order in docket EL14-106.

This rider is available to customers who have been on service at the same address pursuant to standard rates for a base period consisting of twelve consecutive months. Once selected, this optional rider shall remain in effect for twelve months and shall automatically extend to additional annual periods unless notice of intent to withdraw is given by either party or upon action by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The applicability of this rider is subject to consummation of an agreement between the Company and customer and shall be effective on a prospective basis only. Customers have primary responsibility for applying for service pursuant to this rider.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

Base Period Monthly Charge (BPMC)	BPMC
Energy Charge (to be added to BPMC )	
All kilowatt hours, per kilowatt hour .....	\$0.02614

Base period consumption @ current standard rate : \$0.02614 kilowatt hours

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“Base period consumption” shall represent the most recent available twelve months historical usage, adjusted only for supportable variances from normal conditions. All BPMC determinations are subject to Rate Department approval.

**Minimum Charge**

The minimum monthly bill will be equal to the BPMC

**Adjustment Clauses**

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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Discounted Energy Option Rider

OPTION X

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Company reserves the right to review and make appropriate adjustments to BPMC in the event of subsequent discovery that inappropriate consumption data was utilized in the determination of BPMC.
2. Base period consumption in the determination of BPMC will remain constant through May 1, 1987. After May 1, 1987, base period consumption may be increased annually to the extent of the lesser of actual adjusted monthly consumption or 110% of monthly consumption included in the most recent BPMC determinations.

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Extended Service Rider

OPTION L

CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial Service

APPLICABILITY

Effective with the approval of Commission Docket EL14-106 this rider is no longer available for new customers or for renewal of any current contracts. Once all current contracts have expired, this option will be cancelled.

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This rider is available to Commercial and Industrial customers for loads which represent either (1) a trailing 12 month average demand of 1,000 kilowatt or greater and an average load factor greater than 50 percent or (2) a trailing 12 month average load factor greater than 75 percent and an average demand of 500 kilowatt or greater. The applicability of this rider is subject to consummation of an agreement between Northwestern and customer and shall be effective on a prospective basis only. Customers have primary responsibility for applying for service pursuant to this rider.

TERRITORY

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Company's Assigned Service Area

RATE

The following discounts shall be applied to the non-fuel portion of the total demand and energy charges:

<u>Months Remaining in Contract Term</u>	<u>Discount</u>
49 - 120	8 percent
37 - 48	4 percent
25 - 36	3 percent
13 - 24	2 percent
12 or less	1 percent

All provisions of the Company's filed tariff not specifically changed by this rider schedule shall apply. Option L can be contracted for a period of up to 10 years.

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Extended Service Rider

OPTION L

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OTHER PROVISIONS

- 1) The applicability of monthly customer and minimum charges, adjustment clauses and other provisions is unaffected by this rider. Stated provisions of tariff schedule under which load is being served shall remain in effect.
  
- 2) This discount may not be used concurrently with any other discounting pursuant to tariff or special contract.
  
- 3) The Company reserves the right to reject customer loads for which sufficient capacity is not available or where said loads may otherwise jeopardize Company's system or the welfare of existing customers. D  
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- 4) The Company, at its option, may terminate the Option L agreement if the Customer's demand or energy use is reduced on an annual basis by 10% or more. T
  
- 5) Revenues which may be lost by the Company by reason of its entering into agreements under Option L shall not be recovered from its customers irrespective of their customer class. The determination of whether revenues have been lost shall be made by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in a rate proceeding or in a proceeding pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-26. T
  
- 6) Discounts offered under Option L shall be applied to standard rates as approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission from time to time.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Point to Point Distribution Only Service      RATE NO. 38

APPLICABILITY

This rate schedule is available for State Accounts, wind farm station power or Aberdeen Pumping Stations and Aberdeen Ordway Plant that have a contracted power supply with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and/or other wholesale energy co-suppliers and where no facility installations or modifications are required to provide such service. Energy supply is not provided as part of this tariff. The customer will be responsible for purchasing WAPA supply and will be responsible for delivering such power to the Company's Distribution System.

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TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

Demand Charge – Per kilowatt

Per Meter  
Per Month  
\$3.34

Minimum Charge

The demand shall never be less than 100 kilowatts.

BASIS FOR BILLING

The metered demand shall be the highest thirty (30) minute integrated demand (or corrected to a 30 minute basis in the event 15 minute demand registers are installed) measured during the billing period and adjusted as provided in this schedule, consistent with demand billing by WAPA. Power factor will be maintained at 95% or above. Power factors under 95% will result in a power factor penalty in accordance with the power factor provision of the Company's General Terms and Conditions.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

1. Demands will be measured on a 30 minutes basis for this Rate 38 tariff only.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Municipal Pumping Service RATE NO. 41

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available for municipal water pumping service.

TERRITORY

Company's Assigned Service Area.

RATE

	Per Meter Per Month
Customer Charge .....	\$15.00
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
Per kilowatt hour for all energy used .....	\$0.07673
Minimum Charge .....	\$15.00

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Company or Customer Owned Highway, Street and Area Lighting Systems  
 RATE NO. 56

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	Nominal Rating In <u>Watts</u>	Company Owned Rate <u>Per Month</u>	Customer Owned Rate <u>Per Month</u>	
<u>Metal Pole Mounting</u>				
High Pressure Sodium Vapor	50		\$0.73	N
	100	\$19.07	\$1.48	I
	150	\$19.39	\$2.08	I
	250	\$22.01	\$3.19	I
	400	\$23.78	\$4.76	I
	1000	\$37.74	\$11.82	I
Mercury Vapor	175	\$11.98	\$2.14	I
	250	\$16.34	\$2.76	I
	400	\$18.92	\$4.84	I
	1000	\$28.99	\$8.80	I
Metal Halide	175	\$19.20		N
	250	\$20.55	\$3.52	N
	400	\$21.55	\$4.48	N
LED	51	\$23.41	\$0.61	N
	103	\$25.50	\$1.24	N
	154	\$31.96	\$1.85	N
	206	\$36.26	\$2.47	N
	309	\$43.60	\$3.71	N
<u>Wood Pole Mounting</u>				
High Pressure Sodium Vapor	50		\$0.73	N
	100	\$11.03	\$1.48	I
	150	\$11.34	\$2.08	I
	250	\$15.18	\$3.19	I
	400	\$16.96	\$4.76	I
	1000	\$30.99	\$11.82	I
Mercury Vapor	175	\$8.39	\$2.14	I
	250	\$12.96	\$2.76	I
	400	\$14.32	\$4.84	I
	1000	\$20.43	\$8.80	I
Metal Halide	250	\$15.51	\$3.52	N
	400	\$17.36	\$4.48	N
LED	51	\$15.37	\$0.61	N
	103	\$17.46	\$1.24	N
	154	\$23.92	\$1.85	N
	206	\$29.43	\$2.47	N
	309	\$36.77	\$3.71	N

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Distribution Pole Mounting

High Pressure Sodium Vapor	50		\$0.73
	100	\$7.22	\$1.48
	150	\$7.53	\$2.08
	250	\$10.66	\$3.19
	400	\$12.58	\$4.76
	1000	\$26.32	\$11.82
 Mercury Vapor	175	\$4.79	\$2.14
	250	\$6.06	\$2.76
	400	\$9.01	\$4.84
	1000	\$17.07	\$8.80
 Metal Halide	250	\$10.99	\$3.52
	400	\$12.98	\$4.48
 LED	51	\$11.58	\$0.61
	103	\$13.67	\$1.24
	154	\$20.13	\$1.85
	206	\$24.94	\$2.47
	309	\$32.28	\$3.71

Adjustment Clauses

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply.
- c. Bill Crediting Program shall apply.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Customer requested poles outside of the following list may result in a contribution from the customer for the additional material and installation costs:

- Distribution Pole
- Wood Pole (35 feet)
- Metal Pole (20 feet)

For Customer Owned wattages other than those listed above, a rate of \$0.04135 will be used to calculate the monthly charge.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Company or Customer Owned Highway,      RATE NO. 56  
Street and Area Lighting Systems

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Due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, after May 1, 2008, the      T  
Company will no longer install Mercury Vapor fixtures for new installations.      L

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the      L  
following provisions:      L

Company Owned

1. The Company shall install, own and operate the lighting system. The type and kind      L  
of luminaries and supports will comply with Company specifications.      L
2. The lamp shall be lighted and extinguished by a photo-electric control furnished by      L  
the Company. The hours of burning shall be every night from dusk until dawn.      L
3. Replacement of lamps due to ordinary burnout shall be made at Company expense      L  
during regularly scheduled working hours.
4. Installations served pursuant to this rate schedule shall be unmetered.
5. Company will disconnect and reconnect the lighting systems as requested.  
Billings for this service will not be less than the Customer Connection Charge.  
The Customer will be billed the costs directly chargeable to the job unless that  
cost is less than the Customer's Connection Charge.

Customer Owned

1. Customer shall install, own and maintain the lighting system consisting of the poles,      L  
fixtures, and circuits up to the nearest point of attachment to Company's facilities      L  
used to deliver power to Customer's system. The nearest point will be designated by      L  
the Company.
2. Company will disconnect and reconnect the lighting systems as requested. Billings      L  
for this service will not be less than the Customer Connection Charge. The      L  
Customer will be billed the costs directly chargeable to the job unless that cost is less      L  
than the Customer Connection Charge.
3. Installations served pursuant to this rate schedule shall be unmetered.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Small Qualifying Facility Rider RATE NO. 73  
(Occasional delivery energy service)

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to all retail electric customers for any customer-owned or operated small qualifying facility for which qualifying status has been obtained under the rules of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and as further revised in Energy Policy Act of 2005.

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Company's Assigned Service Area,

<u>RATE</u>	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
Customer Charge	
Customer Charge	\$2.00
Payment schedule for energy	
All kilowatt hours per kilowatt hour	\$0.0298
Payment for Capacity per kilowatt	\$2.50

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions and the following provisions:

5. Customer shall be billed monthly for the following:
  - a) Demand and energy consumed during the billing period pursuant to appropriate retail rate schedule(s).
  - b) Net compensation or billing applicable to energy delivered during the billing period at above prescribed rate.
    - (1) to customers who purchase from the Company all electric load requirements which are in excess of the simultaneous output from the facility and sell to the Company all output which is in excess of the simultaneous load, or
    - (2) to customers who purchase their entire electric load requirements from the Company and sell the entire output from the facility to the Company.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Small Qualifying Facility Rider RATE NO. 73  
(Occasional delivery energy service)

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2. Customer must comply with the applicable requirements of South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Administrative Rules 20:10:36 including but not limited to a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Interconnect Request, an Interconnect Agreement and a Certificate of Completion. The minimum contracted term of service is 12 months. The rate contained in this tariff is subject to annual review.
3. Customer must provide a service disconnect that is accessible by Company employees at all times.
4. In order to qualify for capacity payments, the small qualifying facility must be able to deliver power at a minimum on-peak capacity factor of 65% in the months of June – September and must be able to deliver during the Company’s summer peak. Capacity payments will only be made in the months of June – September and will be updated annually as needed.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Small Qualifying Facility Rider                      RATE NO. 74  
(Time of delivery energy service)

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- (c) to customers who purchase from the Company all electric load requirements which are in excess of the simultaneous output from the facility and sell to the Company all output which is in excess of the simultaneous load, or
  - (d) to customers who purchase their entire electric load requirements from the Company and sell the entire output from the facility to the Company.
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**ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE**

1. The applicable energy or demand charges shall be increased or decreased quarterly, by an adjustment amount per kilowatt-hour of sales (to the nearest 0.001¢) or kilowatt of demand (to the nearest 1.0¢) equal to the difference between the delivered cost of energy, delivered cost of fuel, ad valorem taxes paid, and Commission approved fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25 ("qualified costs") per kilowatt-hour of sales or kilowatt of demand and the base cost per kilowatt hour or kilowatt included in applicable standard base rates, if any.

2. Qualified costs include:

a. Delivered cost of energy:

i. The net cost of energy delivered to the distribution system pursuant to filed wholesale transmission rates as recorded in Accounts 456 and 565 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees.

b. Delivered cost of fuel:

i. Fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in the utility's own plants, and the utility's share of fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in jointly owned or leased plants; plus

ii. The actual identifiable fossil and nuclear fuel costs associated with energy purchased for reasons other than identified in paragraph (b)(iii) below; plus

iii. The net energy cost of energy purchases, exclusive of capacity or demand charges (irrespective of the designation assigned to such transaction) when such energy is purchased on an economic dispatch basis. Included therein may be such costs as the charges for economy energy purchases and the charges as a result of scheduled outage, all such kinds of energy being purchased by the utility to substitute for its own higher cost energy; and less

iv. The cost of fossil and nuclear fuel recovered through inter-system sales including the fuel costs related to economy energy sales and other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.

v. The cost of fossil fuel shall include those items listed in Account 151 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees. The cost of nuclear fuel shall be that as shown in Account 518, except that if Account 518 also contains any expense for fossil fuel which has already been included in the cost of fossil fuel, it shall be deducted from this account.

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- vi. Revenue generated by the Sale of Renewable Energy Credits less expenses will be credited to customers. T
  
- vii. The cost of reagents and treated water used by the Company to operate its generating plants, in compliance with the associated United States Environmental Protection Agency rules and regulations. T
  
- viii. Production Tax Credits provided by the generation of energy from the Company's Wind Generation Facilities. T
  
- c. Ad Valorem Taxes paid: T  
All ad valorem taxes accrued and adjusted for actual tax payments less recovery through (a) or (b) above, if any. T
  
- d. Commission approved fuel incentives: T  
All Commission approved incentives, if any, less recovery pursuant to (a), (b), or (c) above, if any. T
  
- 3. Sales shall be all kilowatt hours sold, excluding inter-system sales. Sales shall be equated to the sum of generation, purchases, and interchange-in, less energy associated with pumped storage operations, less inter-system sales referred to in paragraph (2) (b) (iv) above, less system losses. T
  
- 4. Variances in actual qualified costs incurred and costs recovered through the Adjustment Clause mechanism will be separately measured monthly for the delivered cost of energy, delivered cost of fuel, ad valorem taxes paid, and South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved fuel incentives. All accrued over or under variances shall be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate of return allowed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in the Company's last general rate filing. Each applicable end-of-quarter true-up balance, adjusted for the next nine month's estimated over or under collection of cost, will be amortized into rates over the last twelve months of the subsequent thirteen month period.

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**ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES**

	Per KWH
	<u>Per Month</u>
<u>Delivered Cost of Energy - Energy Charge:</u>	
Rate No. 10 - Residential Service .....	\$0.01292
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating .....	\$0.01292
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling .....	\$0.01292
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services .....	\$0.01292
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 21 - General Service .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service .....	\$0.01406
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service .....	\$0.01178
Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service .....	\$0.00988
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting .....	\$0.01292

	Per KW
	<u>Per Month</u>
<u>Delivered Cost of Energy - Demand Charge:</u>	
Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service .....	\$3.04
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service .....	<u>\$3.04</u>

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<b>ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES (cont'd)</b>	Per KWH	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
<u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Energy Charge</u>		
Rate No. 10 - Residential Service.....	\$0.00238	R
Rate No. 11 - Residential Service with Space Heating.....	\$0.00238	R
Rate No. 14 - Residential Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00238	R
Rate No. 15 - Residential Dual Fuel and Controlled Services.....	\$0.00238	R
Rate No. 16 - Interruptible Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 17 - Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 18 - Off Peak Irrigation Service.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 21 - General Service.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 23 - Commercial Water Heating.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 24 - Commercial Space Heating and Cooling.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 25 - All-Inclusive Commercial Service.....	\$0.00259	R
Rate No. 41 - Municipal Pumping Service.....	\$0.00218	R
Rate No. 70 - Controlled Off Peak Service.....	\$0.00182	R
Rate No. 19 - Reddy-Guard, Rate No. 56 - Street and Area Lighting.....	\$0.00241	R
	Per KW	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
<u>Ad Valorem Taxes Paid - Demand Charge:</u>		
Rate No. 33 - Commercial and Industrial Service.....	\$0.56	R
Rate No. 34 - Large Commercial and Industrial Service.....	\$0.56	R
	Per KWH	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
<u>Delivered Cost of Fuel - All Energy Usage:</u>		
All Rate Schedules.....	\$0.01731	I

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### TAX ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

#### APPLICABILITY

The above rate shall be increased or decreased to offset any new or increased special taxes, licenses, franchise fees, rentals or assessments imposed or decreased by any Governmental authority against the Company's property used in the production, transmission, distribution or sale of electric energy or its electrical operations or production or sale of electric energy or the receipts or earnings therefrom on or after the effective date of this rate schedule.

Such special taxes shall, on the basis of Customer's consumption or billing, be apportioned prorata among Customers within the limits of any political entity which imposes any such special taxes, licenses, franchise fees, rentals or assessments, to offset such special levies and to relieve Customers outside of such political entity of the burden of payment for any such special levies. Any such cost adjustment shall continue in effect only for the duration of the specified levies.

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**Bill Crediting Program  
Western Area Power Administration & Yankton Sioux Tribe**

Billings to qualifying Customers (designated by the Yankton Sioux Tribe, the "Tribe", as eligible tribal members) will reflect an adjustment for preference power committed by the Western Area Power Administration ("Western") to the Tribe for its members. The adjustment will reflect the difference between the composite rate for energy per KWH (designated annually by Western for the Tribe) and the Company's composite rate for energy in a bill crediting program credit rate. At the end of each quarter, the Company will calculate a revised bill crediting program credit rate, adjusting for variances between the estimated energy amounts for the program and the actual energy usage by the eligible tribal member Customers for the quarter. Such variances will be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate of return allowed by the Commission in the Company's last general electric rate filing. The revised credit rate will then be utilized during the following 3 months, coinciding with changes in NorthWestern's adjustment clause rates.

	Per KWH	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
<u>Yankton Sioux Bill Credit – Energy Charge</u>		
All Rate Schedules – (Credit Charge).....	\$0.01130	R

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### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### APPLICABILITY

These General Terms and Conditions apply to all classes of electric service unless otherwise indicated on the rate schedule.

#### CUSTOMER CONNECTION CHARGE

Customer Connection is defined as attaching a Customer to receive utility service upon a request for new service or reconnection of discontinued service (Customer Connection does not include the reconnection of a Customer whose utility services were discontinued due to nonpayment of utility bills. Reconnection charges for such Customers are based on the Company's hourly rates for service work with a one hour minimum.) The amount of the Customer Connection Charge will be \$20.00 for all Customer Connections during normal business hours defined as 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, and \$65.00 for Customer Connections during other than regular business hours. Customers requesting service after the Company's normal business hours will be informed of the after hour service rate and encouraged to have the service performed during normal business hours. The connection charge will be billed on all Customers applying for electric service. The Customer Connection Charge shall be paid by the Customer receiving power and energy from the Company, and is due and payable upon presentation. If a bill is not paid, the Company shall have the right to refuse service. The Customer, Landlord or representative (at least the legal age of majority) may be required to be present during the Service turn-on.

#### ACCESS TO PREMISES

The Company has the right of access to the Customer's premise, including right-of-way, at all reasonable times for the purpose of installing, reading, inspecting, or repairing any service lines, meters, devices, and other equipment and facilities used in connection with furnishing of any or all service, including any necessary repairs and maintenance, or for the purpose of removing its property and for all other proper purposes. In addition, the Company may require the customer, Landlord or representative (at least the legal age of majority), be present when performing work inside a customer's facility.

#### OWNER'S CONSENT TO OCCUPY

In case the Customer is not the owner of the premises or of the intervening property between the premises and the Company's lines, the Customer will obtain from the property owner(s) the necessary consent to install, operate and maintain in said premises all such electric equipment as is necessary or convenient for supplying electricity to the Customer.

#### CUSTOMER'S INSTALLATION

The Customer will furnish and own all interior wiring and equipment for use of the service, conduit for underground services, and all poles, wires, meter sockets, and fixtures necessary to distribute such service from the point of service attachment to the various buildings served. Point of service attachment is defined as that point where the facilities of the Company are physically connected to the facilities of the Customer. In general, the point of attachment on overhead services is where the Company's conductors enter the weather head and, for underground services, is where the Company's conductors connect to the top of the Customer's meter socket.

All wiring and equipment furnished by the Customer will be maintained by the Customer at all times in conformity with the requirements of the constituted authorities and with all Terms and Conditions of the Company.

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Installation of electric service lines is scheduled by the Company for completion during the regular construction season. The Company may make a charge for added cost of the construction of an electric service line if the installation is required when the ground is frozen.

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The Company will not install Electric Services until the surface has been graded to within six inches of a permanent established elevation.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE

The Company may elect to install overhead or underground facilities to extend service. If the Company intends to install overhead facilities to extend service, the Customer may request the Company to instead install underground facilities to extend service to Customer. In such case, the terms and conditions related to Underground Service in these tariffs shall apply.

UNDERGROUND SERVICE

For underground electric services, the Company will install underground facilities to extend a service line without charge to the extent of 150 feet of cable along the shortest feasible route from the distribution line to the point of service attachment. If additional footage is required, the Customer will make a non-refundable contribution of \$1.00 per foot of cable exceeding 150 feet. The Customer will arrange and pay for all trenching and backfilling, consistent with the Company's specifications that are required for installation of the underground service line. In addition, the Customer will pay the Company for any conduits or fittings used in the installation of such service line.

ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY

Projects over 500 feet in length will be subject to an economic feasibility review. For determining contributions on facility extensions, annual revenue will be determined by multiplying the projected volumes by the projected tariff delivery rate. The annual revenue will be reduced by the annual projected Fuel and Purchased Power, Operating, Maintenance, and Property Tax Expenses. The resulting net margin will be divided by the current allowed rate of return, grossed up for taxes to determine the level of investment the load will support. Any project costs over and above the determined level of investment will be collected from the customer.

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In instances where a Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) is required, three years after the project has been completed, the Company will review the three-year average use. If the actual volumes vary from projected volumes by 20% or more, the Company will charge or credit the customer for the variance, without interest, in projected CIAC. The original project revenues will be recalculated using the actual average volumes, from the three-year period. The costs and rates used in the original calculation will remain unchanged.

EXCLUSIVE SERVICE ON INSTALLATION CONNECTED

No electric service will be used by the Customer on the same installation in conjunction with the Company's service, either by means of a throw-over switch or any other connection or device, except where the Customer has a contract with the Company for reserve or auxiliary service.

The Customer will not sell the electricity purchased from the Company to any other Customer, company, or person, and Customer will not deliver electricity purchased from the Company to any connection wherein said electricity is to be used off the Customer's premises or by persons over whom Customer has no control, except as specifically provided for in the Customers' Contract For Service.

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PROTECTION OF COMPANY'S PROPERTY

The Customer will properly protect the Company's property on the Customer's premises from loss or damage and will permit no one who is not an agent of the Company to remove or tamper with the Company's property. Under applicable laws, in any case of tampering or interfering with the proper functioning of a meter installation (including, specifically, the Company's meter seal) or evidence thereof or of any theft or any diversion of electric service, the Customer will be liable to prosecution, and the Company will be entitled to collect from the Customer, at the appropriate rate, for all power and energy not recorded on the meter by reason of such tampering, interfering, theft or diversion of service, in an amount which may be estimated by the Company from the best available data, together with all expenses incurred by the Company as a result of such unauthorized acts.

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METERING

The service used will be measured by a meter or meters to be furnished and installed by the Company at its own expense; provided however Customers are responsible for arranging and paying for a telephone line when electronic metering is installed for a Customer. Upon the registration of said meters all bills will be calculated. If more than one meter is installed on different classes of service (each class being charged for at different rates) each meter will be considered by itself in calculating the amount of any bill. Meters include all measuring instruments. Meters will be located as near as possible to the service entrance and on the ground floor of the building in a clean, dry, safe and easily accessible place, free from vibration, or at such other point selected by the Company.

Commercial Customers having more than one power or heating meter, or both will be billed under the appropriate commercial rate. The billing department will either add the consumption and bill in one amount under the proper rate or bill separately under the correct rates for services as used by the Customer. If the Customer has two or more services of different characteristics and does not care to change the necessary wiring and entrances, he will be billed at the applicable separate rate until the physical wiring changes are made at his expense.

Where, at the Customer's request, the Company has installed primary metering or MV90 metering with electronic totalizing application, unless otherwise approved by the Company, the Customer will own and be responsible for the maintenance of all electric lines and facilities, other than transformers, from a single point of delivery, and the Company will combine all usage for billing purposes.

SUB-METERING

Sub-metering will not be permitted unless it is at the same premises and either the Customer or the Company have compelling reasons for not combining the existing services into one service and one meter. Under no circumstances shall a Customer's wiring cross a public street or alley.

METERING FOR RESALE

A Customer is not permitted to receive power or energy through one meter and resell such power or energy to another user through separate meters, regardless of who owns the meter serving the ultimate user.

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METER TEST BY CUSTOMER REQUEST

Any Customer may request the Company to test its electric meter. The Company shall make such test as soon as possible after receipt of the request. If a request is made within one year after a previous request, the Company may require a residential Customer to pay a \$10 deposit and may require any other Customer to pay a deposit in the following amount:

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Single Phase Meter	\$10.00
Single Phase Demand and Self-Contained 3-Phase Meter	\$20.00
All other Polyphase	\$30.00

The deposit shall be refunded only if the meter is found to have an unacceptable error, as defined in the Commission's regulations.

BYPASSING OR TAMPERING WITH METERING FACILITIES

Customers shall not interfere in any way with the metering facilities after they have been set in place. In cases where the meter seal is broken or the working parts of the meter have been tampered with or the meter damaged or there is evidence that a bypass has been used, the Company may render a bill for the current billing period based upon the estimated use, considering past experience under similar conditions and may, in addition thereto, charge for the actual cost of repairing or replacing said meter and connections. In instances where a disconnected customer has reconnected their own service, the Company may charge \$100 to correct the unauthorized changes and reconnect the service. Service may be discontinued or refused at the premises where such bypassing or tampering has occurred until all such charges are paid. Legal action may also be pursued in the instance of meter tampering. This section does not apply to metering facilities that are damaged by acts of God.

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MASTER METERING

All buildings, mobile home parks, and trailer courts for which construction was begun after June 13, 1980, shall be metered separately for each residential or commercial unit, with the exception of hospitals; nursing homes; transient hotels and motels; dormitories; campgrounds; other residential facilities of a purely transient nature; central heating or cooling systems; central ventilating systems; central hot water systems; residential multiple occupancy building of only two units, one of which unit is occupied by the owner of the building; and multiple occupancy buildings constructed, owned, or operated with funds appropriated through the Department of Housing and Urban Development or any other federal or state government agency. Any existing multiple occupancy building receiving master metered service which is substantially remodeled or renovated for continued use as a multiple occupancy building, if such remodeling or renovation is begun after June 13, 1980, shall be individually metered, unless the building meets any of the exceptions listed above or unless the owner of such building demonstrates to the satisfaction of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that conversion from master metering to individual metering would be impractical uneconomical, or unfeasible.

The restrictions against master metering, contained in the preceding paragraph, are waived to the extent requests for variances, are granted by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

DETERMINATION OF MEASURED DEMAND

The measured demand will be the average number of kilowatts used by the Customer during the 15 minute period of maximum use during the billing month.

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### DETERMINATION OF BILLING DEMAND

The average power factor is defined as the quotient obtained by dividing the number of kilowatt-hours (kwh) used during the billing period by the square root of the sum of the squares of the number of kilowatt-hours used and the number of leading or lagging reactive kilovolt-ampere-hours (KVARH) supplied during the same period.

$$\text{Average Power Factor} = \frac{\text{KWH}}{\text{SQUARE ROOT (KWH}^2 + \text{KVARH}^2)}$$

The Company reserves the right to make monthly tests to determine the average power factor of the Customer's installation. The average power factor for the month may be determined by permanently installed metering equipment or by periodic test under normal operating conditions. Test will be made at the metering point.

If the monthly average power factor of any metering point is less than 95% for:

a) Accounts with measured demand

Adjusted demand will be determined by multiplying measured demand (kilowatt) by 95% divided by the average power factor applicable to the billing period as previously determined. The billable power factor adjustment will be the resulting increase in billable demand at the demand charge rate as shown on Sheet No. 14, plus applicable adjustments as shown on Sheets No. 33a and 33b.

b) Accounts without measured demand

Adjusted energy will be determined by multiplying measured energy (kilowatt hours) by 95% divided by the average power factor applicable to the billing period as previously determined. The billable power factor adjustment will be the resulting increase in billable energy at energy rates pursuant to rate schedules otherwise applicable.

### MONTHLY BILLS

(a) Bills for service will be rendered monthly unless otherwise specified. The term "month" for billing purposes will mean the period between any two consecutive readings of the meters by the Company, such readings to be taken as near practicable every thirty days.

(b) Failure to receive a bill in no way exempts Customers from the provisions of these Terms and Conditions.

(c) When the Company is unable to read a meter after a reasonable effort, the Customer will be billed based on the Company's best estimate, considering billings for the previous year, the previous month, and estimated peak usage, and the billing adjusted when the meter is read.

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#### TERMS OF PAYMENT

Bills are due and payable upon receipt and will be delinquent if not paid by the 20th day after billing. A late payment charge of 1% of the unpaid balance plus a collection fee of \$2.00 will be assessed against any delinquent account having an unpaid balance of \$5.00 or more at the time of processing of the next monthly bill. Where a Customer has been disconnected for non-payment of a bill, a reconnection charge will be assessed in accordance with the Company's concurrent connection policy. There shall be a charge of \$30.00 for any check or draft submitted to the Company for payment which is dishonored or returned by the financial institution on which it is drawn.

#### OPTIONAL RATES

When two or more rates are available for certain classes of service, the conditions under which they are applicable to the requirements of particular Customers are plainly set forth in the Company's rate schedule. If a Customer is eligible to receive service under more than one rate, the utility, upon notice of this fact, shall advise the Customer of all alternatives. The choice of such rates lies with the Customer who will be given reasonable opportunity to determine his service requirements before definitely selecting the most favorable rate.

Thereafter, the Company will upon request advise the Customer as to the rate best adapted to existing or anticipated service requirements as defined by the Customer, but the Company does not assume responsibility for the selection of such rate or for the continuance of the lowest annual cost under the rate selected after service is originally provided.

The Customer should periodically investigate his operating conditions with a view to determining desirable changes from one available rate to another. The Company, lacking knowledge of changes which may occur at any time in the Customer's operating conditions, does not assume responsibility that Customers will be served under the most favorable rate nor does the Company make refunds covering the difference between the charges under the rates in effect and those under the rate applicable to the same service except if an unfavorable rate was initially selected by the Customer at the time of provision of service and the first paragraph above set forth was not complied with in whole or in part.

A Customer, having selected a rate adapted to his service, may not change to another rate within a twelve month period unless a substantial change in the character or conditions of his service occurs which is unrelated to a rate which is based on annual or seasonable considerations.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

In addition to the provisions of ARSD 20:10:20, the Company has the right to discontinue service to a Customer in the event that an unsafe service condition exists on the Customer's premises, which is likely to cause injury to person or property. The Company will notify the Customer prior to such disconnection, if practical under the circumstances.

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BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN

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The Company's Budget Bill Plan (BBP) is available to residential and commercial customers. It may be initiated for a customer at any time during the year, provided that the Customer has paid all outstanding utility charges due the Company.

The Company will have a billing practice under which a Customer may be billed monthly for a percentage or portion of the Customer's total annual consumption as estimated by the Company. The purpose of such budget billing is to provide, insofar as it is practicable to do so, a uniform monthly bill.

Each BBP account will be reviewed by the Company at least semi-annually, based on their Budget Billing start date, to determine if an adjustment to the budget amount is necessary, to minimize annual over/under collection balances. The new BPP will be determined by adding the Customer's actual debit or credit balance, at the time of review, to the Customer's prior 12 months billings under current tariff rates, adjusted for normal weather, known changes in consumption, and projected Adjustment Clause price increases or decreases, the sum of which is divided by twelve. Where prior billings are not available, the Company will estimate billings using the best available information of Customer's consumption.

Should a Customer request that the Company not take the actual debit or credit balance into consideration when calculating a revised budget amount, the Company will issue a check to a Customer with a credit balance or bill the Customer for any debit balance.

Service to Customers participating in the BPP shall be pursuant to the General Terms and Conditions of service including the Terms of Payment provisions contained therein, provided, however, that service to a BBP Customer will not be disconnected for non-payment if the Customer has a credit balance in his account. A Customer may discontinue participation in the BBP at any time.

RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATER RESTRICTION

Residential water heater installation shall be equipped with thermostatically controlled non-inductive heating elements designed for a nominal voltage of 240 volts single phase service. Water heaters shall have an electric capacity of not more than 5000 watts at 240 volts. If two elements are used, interlocking controls are required to prevent simultaneous operation. Tankless water heaters are permitted only with prior notification to the Company and may require a Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC), for required system upgrades. Once the CIAC has been received by the Company, the Company will make the required upgrades and allow installation of the tankless water heater.

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#### CUSTOMER'S EQUIPMENT

The transformers, service conductors, meters and other equipment used in furnishing service to a Customer have a definite capacity. Therefore, no material increase in load or equipment will be made without first making arrangements with the Company for the additional electric supply.

Individual motors over 1/2 horsepower and/or having a rating exceeding 7 1/2 amperes shall be connected to a line to line circuit.

Single phase motors exceeding 5 horsepower and/or with locked rotor current exceeding 100 amperes shall not be connected to the Company's system without prior Company approval. Motors of 10 horsepower or over must be supplied with three-phase service. The Company reserves the right to limit the size of motors that may be operated on any part of its system, for operational purposes.

Any motor, when started on full-rated voltage, causes a drop in voltage on the electrical system serving it and may cause unsatisfactory operation of other equipment. In those installations where starting currents have, or will have, a detrimental effect on the system or other equipment, the Customer will be required to install suitable starting devices to limit starting currents to allowable amounts. Information as to starting currents allowable in the service area should be obtained from the Company's local office. The Company will endeavor to suggest ways and means of meeting such requirements.

#### PROTECTION SERVICE

The Company cannot render service to any Customer for the operation of any device which has a detrimental effect upon the service rendered to other Customers. The Company, however, will endeavor to cooperate with its Customers when consulted concerning the intended use of any device.

Where the Customer's use of electricity is intermittent or subject to violent fluctuations, the Company reserves the right to require the Customer to furnish at his own expense suitable equipment to reasonably limit such intermittence or fluctuation.

#### CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND VOLTAGE REGULATION

The Company will endeavor to provide continuous service but does not guarantee an uninterrupted or undisturbed supply of electric service. The Company will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from the interruption or disturbance of service for any cause other than gross negligence of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any loss of profits or other consequential damages resulting from the use of service or any interruption or disturbance of service. The Company will furnish electric service within normal voltage and frequency limits, provided, however, if the normal voltage regulation furnished Customers is unsatisfactory for

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special apparatus requiring close regulation, or if the Customer's electrical appliances are subject to damage due to high or low voltage, the single phasing of three-phase service, phase reversals, or other fluctuations in the quality of service furnished by the Company, then the Customer shall install regulative apparatus and protective devices at his own expense. Without notice, the Company may curtail or interrupt service to any or all of its Customers when, in its judgment, such curtailment or interruption will prevent or alleviate a threat to the integrity of its power supply.

To assure adequate safety to personnel and equipment, the Customer shall provide and maintain code-approved protective devices in each phase to protect all motors against overloading, short circuits, ground faults and low voltage, and to protect all three-phase motors against single-phasing.

Computers and other sensitive electronic equipment, which require high grade, uninterrupted power, may, on occasion, experience problems when connected directly to the Company's distribution system. The Customer should check with an electric dealer, wireman, contractor, engineer, or architect to ascertain the need for Customer-supplied lightning arresters, surge suppressors, isolation transformers, by-pass meter socket, standby or uninterruptible power supplies.

LIABILITY

The Customer assumes all responsibility for all service and equipment at and from the Customer's point of service attachment of such service, and will protect and save the Company harmless from all claims for injury or damage to persons or property occurring by such services and equipment, except where said injury or damage is shown to have been occasioned solely by the negligence of the Company.

AGENTS CANNOT MODIFY AGREEMENT

No agent has power to amend, modify, alter or waive any of these Terms and Conditions, or to bind the Company by making any promise or representation not contained herein. However, the Company will continue its policy of attempting to accommodate Customers and Customer problems wherever possible.

COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION

Qualifying Facility. A qualifying facility (QF) is a power production or cogeneration facility which has received qualifying status under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), Sections 201 and 210 and regulations established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), 18 CFR Part 292. Any interconnection between the Company and a qualifying facility shall be in compliance with PURPA, the FERC regulations, and the Decision and Order of the Public Utilities Commission in Docket F-3365.

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Small Qualifying Facility. A small qualifying facility (SQF) is a qualifying facility with certified capacity of 100 kilowatt or less. T

Company Obligations. Subject to the provisions of these general terms and conditions, PURPA, the FERC regulations, and the Decision and Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in Docket F-3365, the Company has the obligation to purchase any electric energy and capacity that is made available from a qualifying facility, to sell to any qualifying facility any electric energy and capacity requested, to make interconnections with any qualifying facility to accomplish purchases or sales, and to offer to operate in parallel with a qualifying facility. T

Safety and Reliability Standards. Interconnection between the Customer's QF and the Company's electric system mandates the adoption of reasonable standards to ensure the safety and reliability of the Company's electric system and to protect the Customer, its QF, the general public, and the Company's employees. The Company adopts the following practices, methods, and acts as such reasonable standards: T

1) Prudent Utility Practice. Any of the practices, methods, and acts, which, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in the light of the facts (including but not limited to the practices, methods, and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric utility industry prior thereto) known at the time the decision was made, would have been expected to accomplish the desired result at the lowest reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability, safety, and expedition, taking into account the fact that Prudent Utility Practice is not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, methods, or acts to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be a spectrum of possible practices, methods, or acts which could have been expected to accomplish the desired result at the lowest reasonable cost consistent with reliability, safety, and expedition. Prudent Utility Practice includes due regard for manufacturers' warranties and requirements of governmental agencies of competent jurisdiction. T

2) The Customer's QF and associated equipment shall meet all requirements of applicable state and federal regulations; local, state, and national codes; and all standards of Prudent Utility Practice. T

3) Prior to connecting the Customer's QF in parallel to the Company's electric system, the Customer shall provide to the Company for its review, the specifications for major equipment associated with the Customer's QF and detailed electrical diagrams, which T

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diagrams must show all related wiring and safety features of the QF, equipment nameplate data including the interface device and the control system of the Customer's power source, a site plan, and the operating characteristics for the Customer's generator and interconnection, and all of these items must be approved by the Company. The Company will permit the Customer to operate its QF in parallel with the Company's electric system only when this can be done without adverse effects on the general public, other utility customers, and the Company's equipment and employees. Certain protective devices (relays, circuit breakers, etc.) within reasonable electrical industry standards may be required by the Company. The purpose of such devices is to promptly remove the in-feed from the Customer's QF whenever a fault occurs, so as to protect the general public, other utility customers, and the Company's equipment and employees from damage due to fault currents produced by the Customer's QF. T  
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4) Interconnection shall be made in such manner that, if the voltage from the Company is absent, the electrical interconnection is immediately broken.

5) The Customer must comply with all applicable provisions of the State Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the National Electrical Code.

6) The Customer's generating system, including interconnecting equipment, shall meet the requirements of and be inspected and approved by the State Electrical Commission and any other public authority having jurisdiction before any interconnection is made to the electrical system of the Customer or the Company.

7) Wind driven generating facilities, for safety purposes, shall be connected by underground conductor to a point of a horizontal length not less than 1.5 times the fall distance of the qualifying facility from the Company's facilities.

8) To protect appliances and equipment on the premises of the Customer and other customers, the power generated by the Customer shall not induce excessive distortion to the system's voltage or current sine waves. The Maximum allowable distortion must not exceed 10% measured at the Customer's service box.

9) To protect the QF, and to protect all parties from electric shock, the Customer shall supply and install automatic devices to positively disconnect his generating equipment from the system in the event of a disturbance or supply outage on the Company's system. The Company shall be allowed access to this device at all times to permit periodic safety tests. T,L  
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10) The Customer shall furnish and install a disconnecting switch to be connected between the Company's electric system and the QF. This switch must provide a visual opening in the line and shall be located and equipped so that the Company's employees can have access to operate and lock the switch in case of an outage or for work on the Company's system.

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11) If the Customer's QF interferes with the operation of the Company's equipment or interferes with service to other customers, the Company reserved the right to disconnect.

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12) The Customer's load in conjunction with the generating system shall not have a power factor of less than .95 leading or lagging.

13) The Customer shall furnish and install all additional wiring and equipment needed to connect the QF metering at existing service location. The meter socket shall be installed as close as possible to the existing service meter.

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14) The Customer shall give reasonable notice to the Company concerning periods during which the Customer-generated energy is proposed to be furnished and the estimated amount thereof.

15) The Customer shall advise the Company prior to making any revisions to the Customer's QF, the control system, or the interface between the two power systems after the installation. Any such revision must be acceptable to the Company.

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16) The Company will not assume any responsibility for protection of the generator or any other portion of the QF's electrical equipment. The Customer is fully responsible for protecting its equipment in such a manner that faults or other disturbances on the Company's system do not cause damage to the Customer's equipment, the general public, and the Company's equipment and employees.

17) Should the parallel operation of the Customer's QF cause interference or adversely affect voltage, frequency, harmonic content, or power factor in the Company's system or the service to other customers, the Company may require disconnection of parallel operation until the condition has been corrected.

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18) The Company shall be responsible for maintenance of all equipment it has supplied. The Customer shall be responsible for the maintenance of its generating, protective equipment, and interconnection equipment. Complete maintenance records must be maintained by the Customer and be available for the Company's review.

19) The Company reserves the right to inspect on demand all protective equipment including relays and circuit breakers owned and installed by the Customer at the point of interconnection.

20) All interconnections shall be made in compliance with the requirements shown on the Exhibits which are made a part of these General Terms and Conditions.

21) The Company reserves the right to promulgate such other safety and reliability standards necessary for the operation of its system as may be allowed or required by law.

Interconnection Charge. An interconnection charge will be assessed to recover those costs associated with the addition to or modification of Company facilities to accommodate the SQF in excess of the facilities and expenses recovered in the monthly customer charge. At the option of the Customer, the interconnection charge shall be a single nonrefundable charge for the costs incurred or to be incurred by the Company, or a monthly levelized charge equal to one-twelfth of the Company's annual fixed costs plus cost of maintenance. If the Customer selects the monthly interconnection charge and permanently disconnects from the Company's system prior to completion of all monthly payments, the Customer will be responsible for making a one-time payment to the Company. The one-time payment will include those interconnection costs not yet paid plus removal costs, minus salvage value, along with an administrative charge.

Customer with an SQF shall indemnify, protect, defend and save harmless the Company from and against any and all claims and demands for damages, remote as well as proximate, to property and injury or death to persons, including payments made under any workman's compensation law or under any plan for employees' disability and death benefits, which

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may arise out of or be caused by the installation, maintenance, presence, operation or removal of the qualifying facility, or by any related act or omission of the customer, its employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors.

Customers with an SQF shall maintain during the term of the SQF Electric Service Agreement liability insurance which insures the Customer against all claims for property damage and for personal injury or death arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner connected with the installation, operation and maintenance of the SQF. The amount of such insurance coverage shall be at least \$300,000 per occurrence. The Customer shall furnish a certificate from its insurance carrier showing that it has complied with the provisions of this section and providing that the insurance policy will not be changed or canceled during its term without written 90-day notice to Northwestern Energy.

Output. The output of a QF or SQF shall be 60 cycle and shall be at the voltage and phase of the existing service or service proposed to the Customer.

Three-phase Power. Three-phase power cannot be interconnected to the Company's system unless three-phase power already exists or three-phase power is proposed to be utilized by the Customer for purposes other than operating a QF or SQF.

Agreement. Service to a qualifying facility will be as set forth in these General Terms and Conditions and in a written Agreement between the Company and the Customer.

Standby, Supplementary, Emergency and Incidental Services. The Company will provide standby, supplementary, emergency and incidental services upon request of the Customer. These services will be available pursuant to a negotiated contract between the Company and the Customer and are as defined as follows:

a. Standby service is defined as service continuously available through a permanent connection to provide power and energy for use by Customer in case of failure of another mechanical or electrical source of power,

b. Supplementary service shall be defined as service continuously available through a permanent connection to supplement or augment directly or indirectly another independent source of power.

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c. Emergency service shall be defined as service supplied through a temporary connection of Customer's use when his usual source of supply has failed.

d. Incidental service shall be defined as service continuously available through a permanent connection to provide power and energy for use by Customer where such use is merely incidental to Customer's operations and essentially for his convenience, for voltage or frequency control, for partial lighting of selected or limited areas, or for operation of controls, battery chargers, starting devices, electric clocks, or other equipment requiring relatively small quantities of energy as compared with Customer's total energy usage.

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Once the Company has disclosed Meter Data in accordance with this tariff, federal or state law, applicable Governing Documents or requirements of a regulatory authority, the Company is not responsible or liable in any way whatsoever after the disclosure of that information, including but not limited to, the security of such information, the use or misuse of such information or the subsequent disclosure by the recipient or other parties.

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Questions or Complaints

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Website: [www.northwesternenergy.com](http://www.northwesternenergy.com)

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