

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY SIOUX FALLS SOUTH DAKOTA	<u>13th Revised</u> Canceling <u>12th Revised</u>	Section No. 3 Sheet No. <u>4.1</u> Sheet No. <u>4.1</u>
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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial **Rate No. 85**
RATE DESIGNATION: Interruptible Sales Service

1. Applicability

Gas service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any customer for commercial and industrial purposes, whose maximum requirements for natural gas are greater than 200 therms per day, provided that the customer's premises are adjacent to the Company's mains and that the capability of the Company's system and the supply of gas available from its suppliers is in excess of the requirements of its existing customers. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement. All Grain Dryer Customers with a connected load greater than 20 Mmbtu per hour will be required to obtain service under Rate No. 86.

2. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option which best fits the customer's needs.

<u>Monthly Charges:</u>	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>
<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	\$ 100.00	\$300.00
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm:	\$0.0662	\$0.0335

Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge.

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)

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4. Penalty Provision

If customer fails to comply with Company's request to curtail the use of gas, then all unauthorized gas so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. All costs collected will be credited to expense in PGA true-up filings.

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5. Surcharge Provision

During curtailment of service upstream service providers may have available to the Company gas under a different and higher-priced rate than the cost of gas on which this rate is based. In addition, the Company may have propane peak shaving gas available. The surcharge rate per therm for propane peak shaving will be based on beginning of month average propane inventory cost in South Dakota. Should such higher-priced gas be available, the Company may offer it to customers served by this rate schedule with an appropriate surcharge to recover the Company's additional costs in lieu of curtailing service under this rate schedule. All surcharge gas charges collected will be in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. Costs collected will be credited to expense in PGA true-up filings.

6. Procedure for Curtailment of Service

Service rendered under this rate schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company in accordance with the priority guidelines set forth in the Company's General Terms and Conditions, Section No. 5, Sheet No. 5.2.

7. Other Provisions

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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