

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY HURON SOUTH DAKOTA	3rd Revised <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Canceling 2nd Revised	Section No. 3 Sheet No. 5.1 Sheet No. 5.1
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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial **Rate No. 86**
RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service

1. Applicability

This rate is available for gas volumes, on a contract basis, to commercial and industrial customers, including governmental entities. If no historical peak day usage is available, the nameplate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

2. Availability

This service is available to commercial and industrial customers, including governmental entities, with facilities served by the Company in South Dakota, with primarily space heating requirements, or grain dryers, who have Company installed telemetric equipment in place to monitor daily usage. This service is available on a firm or interruptible basis.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option, and level of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms), which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges:

	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>	
<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	\$150.00	\$350.00	I
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm:	\$0.0662	\$0.0335	I
<i>Demand Charge</i> per therm of daily contract demand as shown on Sheet 9a, as applicable to firm service customers, never less than 50 therms.			

Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the Company and customer all elections must be for a minimum period of twelve consecutive months.

Released Capacity and Balancing Services Surcharge:

For all therms taken during a month in excess of the product of the daily contract demand times the number of days in the billing period an additional \$0.0170 per therm shall be assessed and added to the Gas Commodity Charge shown on Sheet No. 9a.

Such surcharges collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

One-Time Charges:

Application Charge:	\$50.00 with each request for service.	
Telemetry:	Standard cost of telemetry, installation and hardware, including appropriate tax gross-up. Standard costs shall reflect actual costs and customers will be charged on a nondiscriminatory basis.	C D

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Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge plus the amount for therms of contract demand.

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 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. 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 the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

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