



November 1, 2021

via US Mail

Mr. Mike Hybl, Executive Director
Nebraska Public Service Commission
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street
Lincoln, NE, 68508

Dear Mr. Hybl:

Enclosed herein are an original and one (1) copy of 40th Revised Sheet No. 7.1 of NorthWestern's Gas Tariff.

Sheet No. 7.1 reflects changes in the costs of purchased gas to be effective November 1, 2021. The effect of Sheet No 7.1 for a typical space heating customer using 150 therms per month would be an increase in the cost from \$150.36 to \$174.59.

The increase in costs is due to higher commodity market prices when compared to the November, 2021 PGA and also the recovery of one-half of the February 13 – 18, 2021 cold weather event costs. The recovery of these costs began on June 1, 2021 as ordered by the Nebraska PSC in Docket NG-111.2. Beginning on June 1st, \$12,716,892 of February weather event costs were included on page 3 of Exhibit A in the line "Commodity True-up Per Therm". This is in addition to the normal April 30 true-up balance of \$921,415 reflected on Exhibit B. The total commodity balance included in the June 1 rates was \$13,638,307. That balance has been reduced to \$13,129,515 as of September 30, 2021. Significant reductions to this balance are expected in the high volumetric months of November through March for which the current rates will be in effect.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes, please contact me. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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**NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULE
for
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY**

Section No. 3
40th Revised Sheet No. 7.1
Canceling 39th Revised Sheet No. 7.1

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

	<u>Per Therm</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Rate No. 91 – Residential Gas Service – Firm Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.98141
Rate No. 92 – General Gas Service – Firm Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.98141
Rate No. 93 – Irrigation – Interruptible Sales Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.78324
Rate No. 94 – Commercial and Industrial – Firm Sales Service Gas Demand Charge – Standard Service (all contract therms) Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.78850 \$0.77324
Rate No. 95 – Commercial & Industrial – Interruptible Sales Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.78324
Rate No. 97 – Commercial and Industrial – Firm Sales Service Fuel Retention Percent Adjustment	0.00%

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