STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	) :SS	IN CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF HUGHES	)	SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION STAFF'S PETITION FOR		Civ. 17-
DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING FARM TAP CUSTOMERS (NG 16-014)		NOTICE OF APPEAL

Northern Natural Gas Company ("Northern"), a Delaware corporation with its principal office and mailing address of 1111 South 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68124, a foreign corporation, appeals to the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit from the following decisions of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota in docket NG 16-014: (1) the Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Taps dated January 24, 2017 ("the Declaratory Ruling"), and (2) the Order Denying Petition for Rehearing and Motion for Judicial Notice entered on March 20, 2017 ("the Order") and the entire record relating thereto. This appeal is timely pursuant to SDCL 1-26-31 because Northern timely filed a petition for rehearing of the Declaratory Ruling, which petition for rehearing was denied by the Order.

This appeal is authorized pursuant to SDCL 49-1-19 and SDCL 1-26-31. The venue of the appeal is proper pursuant to SDCL 1-26-31.1(2).

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2017.

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