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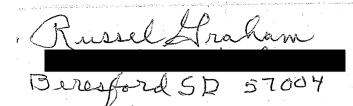
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February 21, 2017

Russel Graham

Beresford, SD 57004

Dear Mr. Graham:

Thank you for your letter regarding the farm taps matter which is an open case, referenced as docket NG16-014, before the commission.

I understand your concern about the possibility of losing your farm tap and natural gas supply.

Since this is an open docket before the commission and one on which my fellow commissioners and I will be voting, your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket online for all commissioners, the parties involved in the docket, the PUC staff analysts and attorney working on this docket, and others to read. By visiting the PUC's website at <u>www.puc.sd.gov</u>, you can read the documents filed by Northern Natural Gas, NorthWestern Energy, the PUC staff, many farm tap customers, and others. Click on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Natural Gas Dockets, 2016 Natural Gas Dockets, and then scroll down to NG16-014. You can listen to a recording of the hearing held Dec. 14, read the orders issued as well as several documents filed thus far by parties to the docket. The agendas for future commission meetings are also posted on the PUC's website, so I encourage you to monitor this so you can follow along by attending or listen via the webcast.

The enclosed Informational Guide was prepared to assist farm tap customers in understanding the filing of this docket and the PUC's process.

If you wish to communicate with a PUC staff analyst or attorney working on the docket, please contact the commission by calling 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201 or emailing <u>PUC@state.sd.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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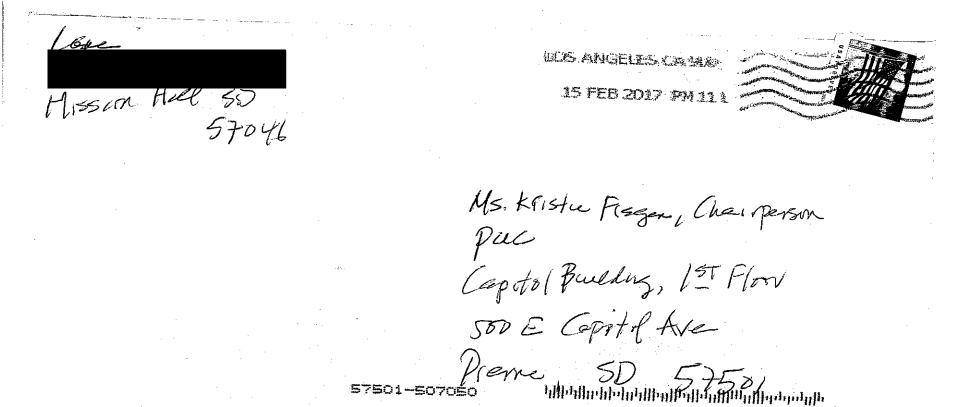
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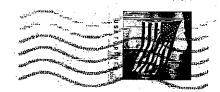
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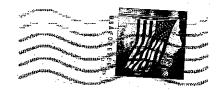
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