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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: *In the Matter of the Complaint by Oak Tree Energy LLC against NorthWestern Energy for refusing to enter into a Purchase Power Agreement - Docket EL11-006*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

- ◆ NorthWestern Energy's Pre-Hearing Motions;
- ◆ Brief in Support of NorthWestern Energy's Pre-Hearing Motion;
- ◆ Notice of Hearing; and
- ◆ Certificate of Service.

By copy of this correspondence, the foregoing is being served upon persons identified in the Commission's service list, this being intended as service by electronic mail.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sara Greff Dannen

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