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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave
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*

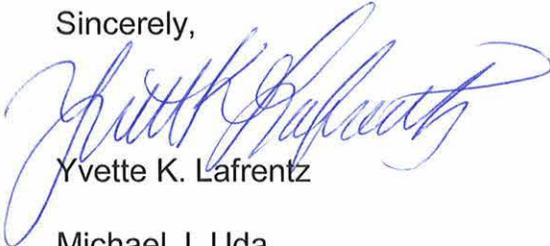
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Enclosed for filing please find:

- Oak Tree Energy LLC's Post-hearing Opening Brief, with Certificate of Service

Please contact me regarding any further information you require to consider this request.

Sincerely,



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