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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

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

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

For filing, please find Commission Staff's Answer to Oak Tree Energy, LLC's Motion for Partial Reconsideration of Interim Order with Exhibits 1 and 2.

Sincerely,

Ryan Soye
Staff Attorney