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*via eFiling*

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 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 NorthWestern Energy's Answer in Opposition to Oak Tree Energy, LLC's Motion for Partial Reconsideration of Interim Order and Certificate of Service. By copy of this correspondence, the foregoing are being served upon persons identified on the Commission's service list, this being intended as service by electronic mail.

Thank you for your kind assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Timothy P. Olson*

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