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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 EL11-006

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On June 17, 2013, NorthWestern Energy filed a letter requesting a 10-day extension of the deadline to conclude negotiations with Oak Tree in the above-referenced docket. Oak Tree consented to NorthWestern Energy's request. Staff also consents to NorthWestern Energy's request. Due to agreement by all parties, I do not believe Commission approval is necessary. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/*Karen E. Cremer* Karen E. Cremer Staff Attorney

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