BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Complaint by Oak Tree Energy LLC against NorthWestern Energy for refusing to enter into a Purchase Power Agreement EL 11-006

Notice of Hearing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that NorthWestern Energy's Pre-Hearing Motions will come on for hearing before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on the 13th day of March, 2012, at 1:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 2nd day of March, 2012.

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