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IN THE MATTER OF The Complaint By Oak Tree Energy, LLC Against NorthWestern Energy For Refusing To Enter Into A Purchase Power Agreement

DOCKET NO. EL11-006

OAK TREE ENERGY LLC'S STATUS UPDATE

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Oak Tree Energy, LLC (Oak Tree), by and through counsel hereby submits this *Status Update* as follows:

Oak Tree and NorthWestern Energy (NWE), in accordance with the South Dakota Public Utility Commission's (SDPUC) *Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry* dated February 21, 2013, have entered into negotiations to consummate a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Oak Tree and NWE have exchanged drafts of proposed PPA's and have agreed to future dates to continue the negotiation process.

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Respectfully submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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