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

Affidavit of Dennis Wagner

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
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COUNTY OF BEADLE)

Dennis Wagner, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and alleges as follows:

- 1) I am the Director of South Dakota Production Operations for NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). My responsibilities include compiling data and preparing reports regarding NorthWestern's facilities, load management, projected peak demand, and projected energy requirements.
- 2) Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of NorthWestern's Biennial Ten-Year Plan dated June 17, 2010, and supplemental information dated July 19, 2010.
- 3) I assisted in the preparation of NorthWestern's Biennial Ten-Year Plan which is attached as Exhibit 1. This report demonstrates NorthWestern's available generation resources and projected demands.
- 4) NorthWestern's available generation resources meet current annual energy needs. For most months of the year, NorthWestern has surplus baseload generation. During these non-peaking periods, NorthWestern sells excess generation into the wholesale open market.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Dated at Huron, South Dakota, this 20th day of May, 2011.

Dennis Wagner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of May, 2011.

JOANNE H. PETERSON **Notary Public** SEAL South Dakota

Notary Public, South Dakota My commission expires: June 10, 2016