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*via eFiling*

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: *In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling regarding the Inclusion of Energy Costs for  
Compensated Backdown, EL12-\_\_\_\_\_*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please NorthWestern Energy's Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

In addition to counsel of record, NorthWestern Energy requests that the following be included on the Commission's service list:

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Thank you for your kind assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Timothy P. Olson*

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Attachment