

EXHIBIT A

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy

("NorthWestern"), and pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are the letter agreement to install electric service, dated July 2, 2014 (the "Contract") between NorthWestern and Paul Larson (the "Customer"), and the work papers containing the Company's anticipated costs to construct facilities to the Customer's cattle barn;
- 2) The Company requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the Contract and work papers indefinitely, or a minimum of ten years;
- 3) The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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- 4) The grounds for confidentiality are that the Contract and Work papers provide proprietary information concerning both the Company and the Customer, including the pricing of the installation of electric service, the costs of construction for the facilities to serve the Customer, etc. Sharing this information to third parties may provide competitive advantages to the competitors of NorthWestern.
- 5) As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4) above.