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**RE: In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service by Dakota Access, LLC
to have NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service
Area of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Docket No.: EL 15-023
Our file: 0300.02**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing, please find a Settlement Agreement signed by all parties to this docket. A representative from Dakota Access, LLC will be present at the February 12, 2016 Commission meeting at which time this matter is scheduled for hearing.

Very truly yours,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP



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Enclosure

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