



## REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern" or the "Company"), and pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are the unredacted versions of NorthWestern Energy's Responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests ("*Responses*") and supporting confidential work papers provided as Attachments 1-4A, 1-4B, and 1-7a.-1 ("*Attachments*")<sup>1</sup>.
- 2) The Company requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the Responses and Attachments of confidential work papers indefinitely, or, at a minimum, until the conclusion of the term of the Electric Distribution Service Agreement between NorthWestern and Ag Processing Inc filed in this docket;
- 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 Responses and Attachments provide proprietary information concerning both the Company and the Customer. Sharing this information with third parties could provide competitive advantages to the competitors of NorthWestern and the Customer.

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<sup>1</sup> Contemporaneous with this filing, NorthWestern is filing redacted versions of the documents, which are not confidential.



5) As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4) above.