



November 21, 2016

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Docket GE16-005 – In the Matter of the filing by NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, for Approval of 2017 Demand Side Management Plan - Request for Confidential Treatment

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In its filing for Docket GE16-005, NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, marked Attachment A to its proposed 2017 Demand Side Management Plan as Confidential. Attachment A to the proposed 2017 Demand Side Management Plan contains confidential customer information and information that is considered to be proprietary to NorthWestern Energy's utility businesses. Therefore, in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:41, NorthWestern Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of Attachment A to the proposed 2017 Demand Side Management Plan indefinitely.

Any questions regarding this request for confidential treatment may be directed to:

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