

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF'S )  
REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE ) JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
EFFECTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND ) SETTLEMENT STIPULATION  
JOBS ACT ON SOUTH DAKOTA ) GE17-003  
UTILITIES )

The Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern Energy), jointly referred to as "Parties", hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues between Staff and NorthWestern Energy in this proceeding. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties submit the following:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The Stipulation resolves all of the issues between Staff and NorthWestern Energy in this docket;
3. The terms of the Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all of the issues between these Parties in this docket; and
4. The terms of the Stipulation are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and adopt the attached Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding between Staff and NorthWestern Energy.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018.

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION  
D/B/A NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Its:  \_\_\_\_\_

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION STAFF

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Staff Attorney \_\_\_\_\_