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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the North Western Energy letter concerning Docket NG16-014, entitled "In the Matter of Commission Staff's Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Tap Customers", which may affect my future natural gas service and my farm tap. I would like the farm tap to remain the way it has been for the last 40 years. It will cost me \$250 to change my furnace to propane, and around \$1,000 to buy a tank regulator and run a line, and I will have to pay more for my heat on top of those costs. I think it is the job of the Public Utilities Commission to protect the customers like myself and others, and to help me keep my farm tap. I feel that since the line goes through my property and I provide an easement, I should keep my farm tap.

Thank You,

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