

SD Public Utilities Commission

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Sirs: I am writing in response to the certified letter we received from Northwestern Energy stating they would suspend out natural gas service on December 31,2017.

We signed an easement with Northern Natural Gas in the sixties to allow them to cross our land with a pipeline with the condition that we would be allowed to tap that line for gas service. We exercised that right and have paid Northern Natural Gas thousands of dollars in the intervening years. The only obligation

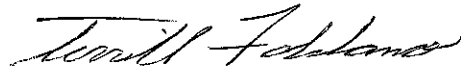
Northern had was to install a meter. We piped a gas line over a half a mile to our building site and installed large natural gas corn dryers and also supplied our home with appliances and a furnace that can only operate on natural gas.

It now appears that big energy and their well paid lobbyists, are trying to terminate this agreement by using their money and influence to affect the results of State and Federal Commissions set up to protect the general public. It appears that Northwestern Energy wants out of its deal with Northern Natural Gas because they are not making enough money on the service they provide. That is not my problem. My

problem is that I need the gas. Should it be terminated, who will pay me back all the money we have paid to install devices that can only run on natural gas? I find it highly unlikely that Northern Natural Gas would pay and certainly not the State of South Dakota.

I urge that the Commission <sup>to</sup> find for the little guy for once and not allow Northern Natural Gas to terminate service.

Regards



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