

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Docket Number (NG16-014)

Dear Public Utility Commissioners:

We have been informed by Northern Natural Gas that as of December 2017 we may no longer be able to use our "farm tap" natural gas supply. This tap has provided our family with natural gas with no interruption since it was installed in the 1950s, and we have come to rely upon it as a clean, reliable and cost efficient way to heat our house.

When our family signed the easement to allow the line to run through our land, a large portion of the agreement was that we could have permanent access to the natural gas that it supplied. We have maintained our tap at our own expense, and other families have completed large renovations under the assumption that they would have access to their own taps. If we are denied usage, our family and close to 200 other customers will be forced either to convert our existing furnaces, and in some cases many other appliances, to propane or install a new electric version. Both of these options will be expensive and unnecessary. .

Please consider requiring Northern Natural Gas to continue supplying us and the 200 other families with natural gas. It would save a lot of people from unnecessary stress.

Respectfully,

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