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Mr. McGill:

Thank you for your message on behalf of Robert Lynch regarding the farm taps matter, docket NG16-014. I understand the concerns of Mr. Lynch with the possibility of losing his farm tap and natural gas supply. I encourage all affected by this to monitor the PUC's docket as it is reviewed and information is gathered by the commission.

The commission held a hearing with testimony provided by Northern Natural Gas and NorthWestern Energy officials as well as PUC staff members. As was evident during the hearing, my fellow commissioners and I are gravely concerned about these landowners and their natural gas supply. The recording of the Dec. 14 four-hour hearing is available on the PUC's website by clicking on the Recording link under the Hearing subhead in the docket:  
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/NaturalGas/2016/ng16-014.aspx>.

This Informational Guide was designed to assist farm tap customers in understanding the filing of this docket and the PUC's process: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/informationguide.pdf>.

PUC staff filed an update on progress in resolving this matter that can be found at <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/ltr122016b.pdf>. As relayed via this letter, the commission will likely discuss this docket again during our regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 17 in Pierre. Since this is an open docket on which I will be voting, your message and my response are posted under Comments and Responses for all to read.

If you, Mr. Lynch, or others involved in this matter wish to communicate with a PUC staff member working on this docket, please contact the commission with this request by calling 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201 or emailing [PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us).

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