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Mr. and Mrs. McInerney:

Thank you for your latest message about the farm taps matter, docket NG16-014. I understand your confusion since this is a complex matter with a great deal of history. I also appreciate your concern about the outcome since this involves natural gas supply for your home and farm, as it does for many South Dakotans.

The commission held a hearing last week with testimony provided by Northern Natural Gas and NorthWestern Energy officials as well as PUC staff members. Here is the Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Staff Memorandum to help you understand the reason the PUC staff requested opening this docket in an attempt to investigate and solve this matter:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/petition.pdf> and
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/memo.pdf>.

You may also wish to listen to the recording of the Dec. 14 four-hour hearing. Click on the Recording link under the Hearing subhead in the docket: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/NaturalGas/2016/ng16-014.aspx>.

My fellow commissioners and I will take this matter up again at our first commission meeting of the new year, Jan. 3, 2017. Meanwhile, information gathered by the commission will continue to be added to the docket:
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/NaturalGas/2016/ng16-014.aspx>.

Since this is an open docket before the commission on which I will be voting, your messages and my responses are posted under Comments and Responses for all to read.

If you have questions, you may discuss the docket with a PUC staff member by calling 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201 or emailing PUC@state.sd.us.

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