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Comments:

As a property owner I agreed to an easement with Northern Natural Gas wherein they placed a Natural Gas pipeline across my land. It was our belief that by agreeing to this pipeline easement, we would have perpetual natural gas service to our house. Throughout the past several years we have paid NorthWestern Energy for the natural gas received based on a monthly reading we take and provide to the company and they bill us accordingly.

On file in Lincoln County, State of South Dakota, filed September 17, 1954 is the Easement with Northern Natural Gas Company wherein the Company was granted permission to install pipe lines over and through property identified as [REDACTED]. Item (3) specifically states that grantor will make or cause of be made a tap in any gas pipe line constructed by grantee upon the above described premises for the purpose of supplying gas to grantor, for domestic purposes only, and not for resale and for use upon the above described premises only. All connections required shall be furnished and paid for by grantor with the exception of the meter, which is to be furnished and owned by the grantee. Said tap will be provided by grantee from a convenient point on its main line or same lateral as the grantee may determine, and gas to be taken unde this provision shall be measured and furnished to the grantor at the rates and terms established.

It is my contention and ask that the PUC agree, that Northern Natural Gas company continue to provide natural gas to the farm tap operations. As in the past, if their current provider can or will no longer provide the service, then Northern Natural Gas Company should secure this service from another supplier.

Thank you for your positive consideration to this request.

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