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**Subject:** Natural Gas Farm Tap (Corrected) Name of person issued Easement, County provided copy of easement

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Comments:

As a property owner my parents, [REDACTED], agreed to an easement with Northern Natural Gas wherein they placed a Natural Gas pipeline across their land. It was their belief that by agreeing to this pipeline easement, they and their successors (I am their son) would have perpetual natural gas service to their home. 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 who in turn bill us accordingly.

On file in Lincoln County State of South Dakota, filed September 17, 1954 is the Easement with Northwestern Natural Gas Company wherein the Company was granted permission to install pipelines over and through property identified as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Item (3) specifically states that the grantor can apply to grantee to make or cause to be made, a tap in any gas pipe line constructed by grantee for the purpose of supplying gas to grantor, for domestic purposes only and not for resale and for use upon 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 grantee.

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 cannot or will not provide the service, then Northern Natural Gas Company should secure this service from another supplier.

Thank you for your positive consideration to this request.

Wayne J. Mitchell