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Mr. Nelsen:

Thank you for your message regarding the farm taps matter, docket NG16-014. I understand your concern about the possibility of losing your farm tap and natural gas supply for your house and shops.

The commission held a hearing on this matter yesterday, with testimony provided by Northern Natural Gas and NorthWestern Energy officials as well as PUC staff members. My fellow commissioners and I stated at the close of this hearing that we would take this matter up again at our first commission meeting of the new year, on Jan. 3, 2017. I encourage you to follow along as this docket is reviewed and information is gathered by the commission. Here is a link to the online, public docket, including a recording of the hearing:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/NaturalGas/2016/ng16-014.aspx>.

Since this is an open docket before the commission, your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket for my fellow commissioners, the PUC staff analysts and attorney working on this docket, and others to read.

If you haven't already read it, here is an Informational Guide prepared to assist farm tap customers in understanding the filing of this docket and the PUC's process, posted on the commission's home page:

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

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Chris Nelson, Chairman

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