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Dear Mr. Schulz:

Thank you for your letter regarding the farm taps matter, docket NG16-014. I understand your concern about the possibility of losing your farm taps and natural gas supply for your family's home. One important detail from your letter that must be corrected is that NorthWestern Energy's and Northern Natural Gas's contractual agreement ends on December, 31, 2017, not 2016 as your letter states. You can see NorthWestern's and Northern Natural Gas's letters filed in the online docket to verify this date.

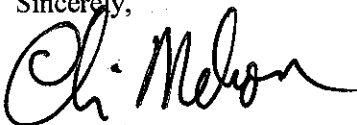
I encourage you to follow along as this case is reviewed and information is gathered by the commission. You can find the docket by going to the commission's home page at www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Natural Gas Dockets, 2016 Natural Gas Dockets, and scroll down to docket NG16-014.

Since this is an open docket before the commission, your letter 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, the enclosed Informational Guide was prepared to assist farm tap customers in understanding the filing of this docket and the PUC's process and is posted on the commission's home page.

If you wish to communicate with a PUC staff member regarding this docket, please contact the commission by calling 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201 or emailing PUC@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,


Chris Nelson