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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Dear Farm Tap landowner:

Last month, at separate meetings held in Madison and Beresford, Northern Natural Gas representatives met with a number of landowners who have farm taps regarding the recent announcement by NorthWestern Energy to discontinue farm tap service at the end of this year and the corresponding docket opened by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. A number of landowners who attended those meetings asked to be kept informed on the status of the open docket. As such, I am writing to you with the following update.

Commission staff, NorthWestern Energy and Northern Natural Gas have agreed to further discuss the issues raised in the docket. Commission staff requested that the commissioners delay a decision until January 17, 2017, to accommodate these discussions.

Additionally, Northern Natural Gas has filed a motion with the Commission regarding inaccurate information considered during the 2011 acquisition of farm tap responsibilities by NorthWestern. The motion, which asks to correct information presented in the 2011 hearing, will be considered by the Commission January 17, 2017.

Finally, Northern Natural Gas has contacted representatives and senators at the South Dakota Legislature to provide background and a point of contact at Northern Natural Gas regarding information on farm tap service. A copy of the correspondence is enclosed for your reference.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me at (402) 398-7278 or laura.demman@nngco.com.

Sincerely,

Laura Demman
Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs

Enclosure