

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Petition for Declaratory
Ruling of the South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission regarding 49 C.F.R. § 192.3

PS 11-001
NorthWestern Energy's Motion for
Extension of Time

In accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:14 NorthWestern Energy respectfully submits this request for an extension of time. In support of its request, NorthWestern Energy states the following:

1) On January 6, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff (Staff) filed a response to NorthWestern Energy's and Montana Dakota Utilities Company's Comments. Staff's comments introduced several new exhibits and additional information that North Western Energy would like additional time to respond to.

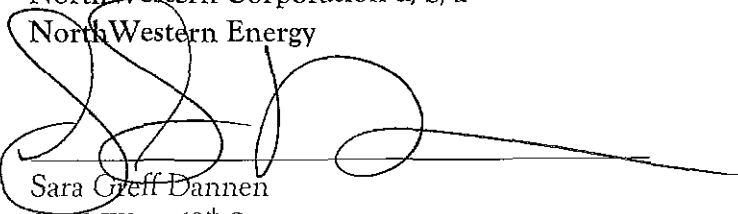
2) NorthWestern Energy respectfully requests that a two-week extension of time be given to address the additional information and that this matter be placed on the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

3) NorthWestern has discussed the issue of an extension of time with both Staff and Montana Dakota Utilities, and both parties have indicated that they do not object to the extension of time.

WHEREFORE, NorthWestern Energy respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for an Extension of Time to give the parties additional time to adequately address all the issues of this matter.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 13th day of January, 2012.

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