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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding 49 C.F.R. § 192.3 – Docket PS11-001*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the Comments of Intervenor NorthWestern Energy. By copy of this correspondence, the foregoing is being served upon persons identified on the Commission's service list, this being intended as service by electronic mail.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Pamela A. Bonrud

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