

**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 CFR 192.3)**

**ORDER GRANTING AN
EXTENSION OF TIME**

PS11-001

On November 18, 2011, the Pipeline Safety Manager of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Commission Staff filed a petition for a declaratory ruling from the Commission. Specifically, Staff questions whether a NorthWestern Energy natural gas line should be classified as a transmission line or a distribution line.

On November 24, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 9, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. On November 23, 2011, NorthWestern filed a Petition to Intervene. On December 6, 2011 its petition was granted. On December, 23, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities filed a Petition to Intervene. On January 3, 2012 its petition was granted.

On January 13, 2012 NorthWestern filed a Motion for an Extension of Time. No party to the proceeding objected to the Motion.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34B.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 17, 2012, the Commission considered the Motion for an Extension of Time. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a two week extension of time shall be granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of January, 2012.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
By: <u><i>Joy Berry</i></u>
Date: <u>01-25-12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner