



November 15, 2016

***Sent Via United States Mail and Email (kent.miller@nngco.com)***

Northern Natural Gas  
1111 South 103<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68124  
Attention: Kent Miller, Vice President

Re: Termination Notice – South Dakota Farm Tap Services

Mr. Miller:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide formal notification to Northern Natural Gas (“NNG”) of NorthWestern Energy’s intent to terminate performance of services to NNG’s farm tap customers in South Dakota. The effective date of the termination is December 31, 2017.

NorthWestern Energy assumed farm tap service responsibility in South Dakota pursuant to an *Agreement* dated April 1, 1987 and subsequent *Partial Assignment of Agreement* effective June 1, 2011 (together the “*Agreement*”). Section 5 of the *Agreement* reflects an expiration date of May 31, 2017, and requires six months’ prior written notice to NNG in the event of termination. This correspondence satisfies the notice requirement of the *Agreement*. Consistent with South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “*Commission*”) Final Decision and Order, NNG11-001, dated March 11, 2011, NorthWestern will continue to perform its service obligations under the *Agreement* until the end of 2017.

NorthWestern is notifying NNG’s farm tap customers of the expiration of the *Agreement* and their right to participate in the declaratory judgment proceeding before the *Commission*. As you are aware, NorthWestern remains willing to engage NNG in further discussions concerning farm tap services in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

**Curtis Pohl**

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