

From: PUC
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 5:05 PM
To: 'Linda Lane'
Subject: NG16-014

Ms. Lane:

Thank you for following up on your letter regarding the farm taps docket, NG16-014. A copy of my letter is attached and below is the letter's message. You have the link to the posting in the docket, and the only portion removed for the public version is your mail address: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/Comments/lanerresponse.pdf>.

Here is a link to the Farm Taps Informational Guide, also available via the website's home page:
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/informationguide.pdf>.

Commissioner Chris Nelson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
www.puc.sd.gov

December 12, 2016

Linda Lane



Mission Hill, SD 57046

Dear Ms. Lane:

Thank you for your letter and accompanying NorthWestern Energy invoice regarding the farm taps matter, docket NG16-014. I understand your concern about the possibility of losing your farm tap and natural gas supply for your home and for use in your farmers' market business.

Since this is an open docket before the commission, your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket for my fellow commissioners, the PUC staff analysts and attorney working on this docket, and others to read.

If you haven't already read it, the enclosed Informational Guide was prepared to assist farm tap customers in understanding the filing of this docket and the PUC's process and is posted on the commission's home page.

If you wish to communicate with a PUC staff member regarding this docket, please contact the commission by calling 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201 or emailing PUC@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

From: Linda Lane

Sent: Saturday, 07 January 2017 18:39:57 (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

To: PUC

Subject: Re: NG16-014

Thank you for clearing up what the confidential means as I thought there was the one listed in the docket plus a second, confidential, one.

On the matter of the docket, I am having trouble locating the purpose or the agenda items for the scheduled 1/17/17 meeting. Would you please email this to me?

Thanking you in advance. Linda Lane

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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 9:15 AM

To: 'Linda Lane'

Subject: NG16-014

Ms. Lane:

The agenda for the Jan. 17 commission meeting is not yet finalized or posted, but it will be on Wednesday, Jan. 10 or earlier. You will then find it posted at the top of the home page at www.puc.sd.gov. If you wish to receive the commission's meeting agendas via email, you may subscribe via this link: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/contact/listservs.aspx>.

Commissioner Chris Nelson

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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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500 East Capitol Ave

Pierre SD 57501

January 5, 2017

Reference Docket #NG16-014

Dear Sirs:

Over 50 years ago, we were guaranteed lifetime natural gas access from a farm tap in exchange for the easement that allowed Northern Natural Gas's access crossing our land. We understand that that agreement has been presented to the PUC by another land owner. How can Northern Natural Gas now renege on that agreement with land owners? Please inquire of Northern Natural Gas, that if they renege on that agreement, will NNG retroactively pay rent to all land owners for the last 50+ years of placing/operating their pipeline on our land? But that would still penalize us with no natural gas service, correct?

We land owners abided by the agreement, and expect Northern Natural Gas to do likewise. We are very much in favor of South Dakota's PUC's legislating that NNG abide by their agreement with South Dakota's land owners, providing us with continued natural gas service to/from our farm tap.

Thank you for your kind attention/work on this matter, protecting the interests of South Dakota land owners and users of natural gas.

Jerald Ollerich *Jean M Ollerich*

Jerald and Jean Ollerich

Sioux Falls SD 57106

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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 11:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: NG16-014

Mr. and Mrs. Ollerich:

Thank you for your letter regarding the farm taps matter, docket NG16-014. I understand your concern about the possibility of losing the farm tap and natural gas supply for your land. You will want to follow this docket as it is reviewed and new information is collected by the commission.

This Informational Guide may assist you in understanding why the PUC opened this docket and the commission's process: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/informationguide.pdf>.

The commission held a hearing on Dec. 14 with testimony from Northern Natural Gas and NorthWestern Energy representatives and PUC staff. You can listen to the recording of the hearing by clicking on the link titled Recording under the Hearing heading in the docket, <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/NaturalGas/2016/ng16-014.aspx>.

PUC staff filed a letter on possibly resolving this matter via a meeting with NNG and NW, <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/naturalgas/2016/ng16-014/ltr122016b.pdf>. As a commissioner, I will be voting on this docket. Therefore, your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket.

You are welcome to communicate with a PUC staff analyst or attorney working on this docket, and you may reach them by calling 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201 or emailing PUC@state.sd.us.

Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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