

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION  
STAFF'S PETITION FOR  
DECLARATORY RULING  
REGARDING FARM TAP  
CUSTOMERS**

) **STIPULATION AND**  
) **REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL**  
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) **NG16-014**  
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The Commission conducted oral arguments in this matter on December 14, 2016. On December 22, 2016, Northern Natural Gas Company filed a Motion to Reopen the Record, Take Judicial Notice and Correct the Record. On December 30, 2016, Staff filed a Motion for Judicial Notice. On December 30, 2016, the Commission noticed the two motions and its final decision in the docket for January 17, 2017.

The parties agree as follows:

1. The two motions previously noticed for hearing should be heard as noticed on January 17, 2017.
2. The parties now desire to continue negotiating prior to the Commission making a decision in this docket.
3. The parties agree to waive notice should the Commission defer its decision to another date.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the Commission defer its decision in this docket until the February 10, 2017 Commission Meeting.

Dated:   12 Jan 2017  

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Dated: 1/12/2017

Northern Natural Gas Company

BY: /s/

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Dated: 1/12/17

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