

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF HUGHES)

IN CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of
Commission Staff's Petition
for Declaratory Ruling
Regarding Farm Tap Customers
(NG 16-014)

32-CIV-17-____
(Related appeal: CIV-17-71)
Notice of Appeal

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") appeals to the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit from the following decisions of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota in docket NG 16-014: (1) the Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Taps, entered January 24, 2017; and (2) the Order Denying Petition for Reconsideration of Declaratory Ruling, entered on March 20, 2017 ("the Order"). This appeal is timely under SDCL § 1-26-31 because NorthWestern timely filed a petition for reconsideration of the Declaratory Ruling, which petition for rehearing was denied by the Order.

The parties to this appeal are:

- 1) South Dakota Public Utilities Commission;
- 2) South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff;
- 3) NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a Northwestern Energy;
- 4) Northern Natural Gas Company; and
- 5) Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

This appeal is authorized by SDCL § 49-1-19, SDCL § 1-26-31, and SDCL § 1-26-31.4. The venue of the appeal is proper under SDCL 1-26-31.1(2).

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