



EXHIBIT A
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern" or the "Company"), and pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) The documents for which confidential treatment are the work papers used in determining the costs of the Company's annual rates for purchased power, as well as the list of customers and their annual generation.
- 2) The Company requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the work papers indefinitely;
- 3) The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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- 4) The grounds for confidentiality are that the work papers provide proprietary information concerning the Company.
- 5) As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4) above.