



## 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 is requested are the Electric Service Agreement between NorthWestern and the South Dakota Soybean Processors (the "Customer"), dated December 31, 2014 (the "Agreement"), and exhibits B and C;
- 2) The Company requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the Agreement and Exhibits B and C indefinitely, or, at a minimum, until the conclusion of the four-year term of such Agreement;
- 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 Contract and exhibits provide proprietary information concerning both the Company and the Customer, including the pricing of electric service. Sharing this information to third parties may provide competitive advantages to the competitors for both NorthWestern and the Customer.



- 5) As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4) above.