

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPLAINT BY JUHL ENERGY, INC.
AGAINST NORTHWESTERN
CORPORATION DBA
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR
ESTABLISHING A PURCHASE
POWER AGREEMENT

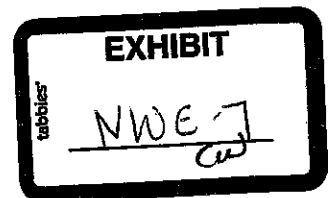
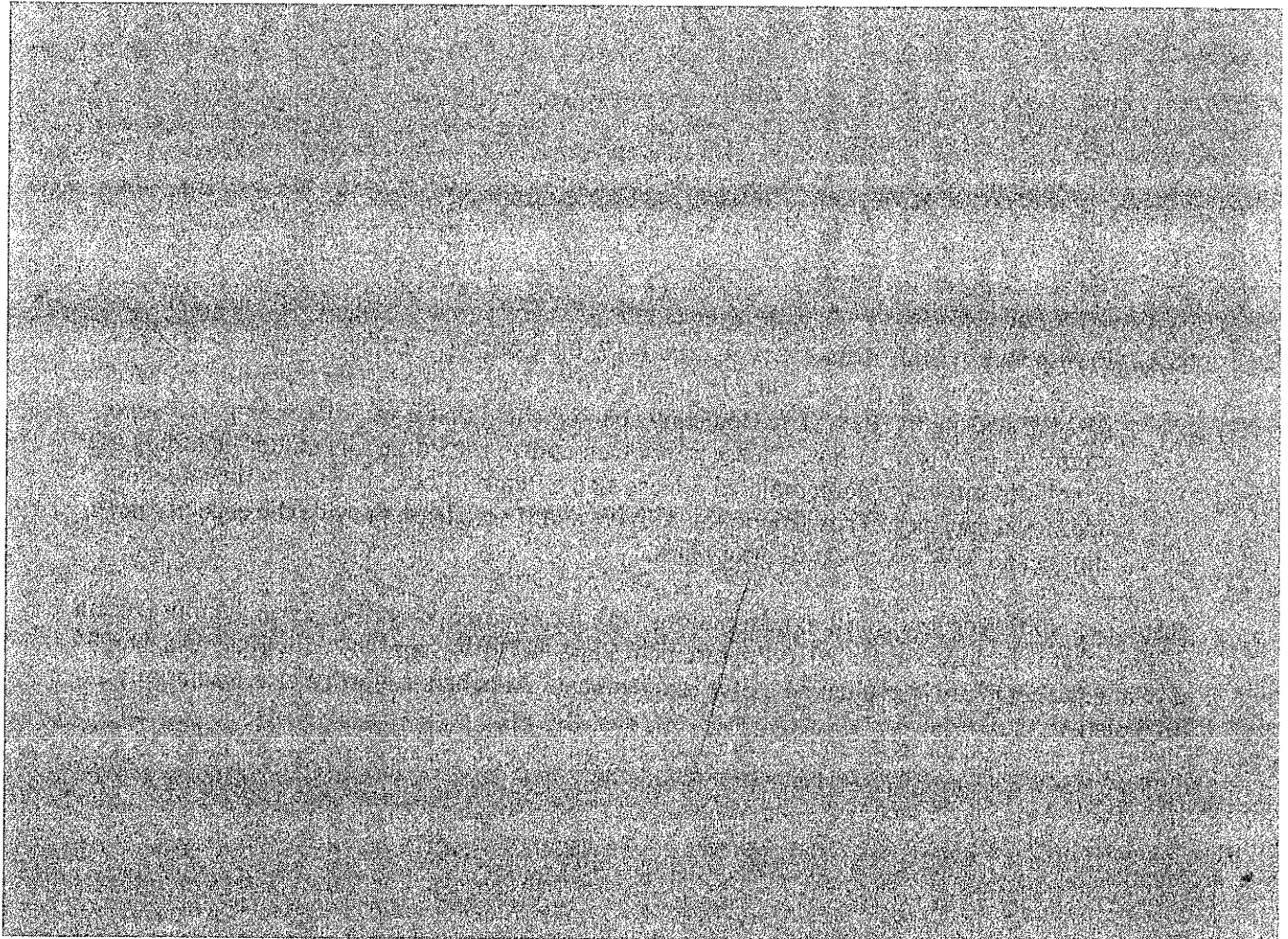
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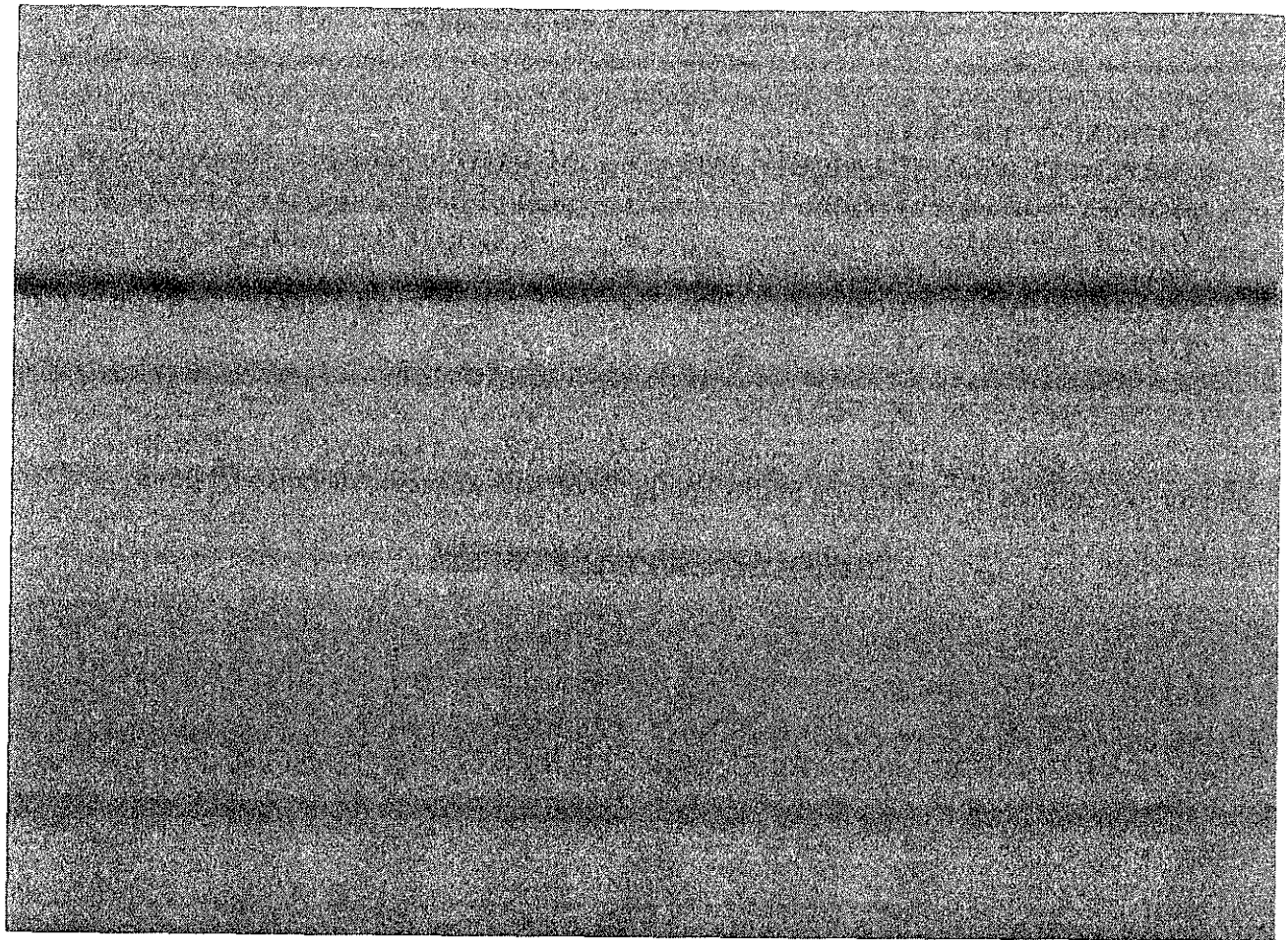
NORTHWESTERN'S RESPONSE TO
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Comes now, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("*NorthWestern*")
and for its responses to Commission Staff's Fourth Set of Data Requests, submits as follows:

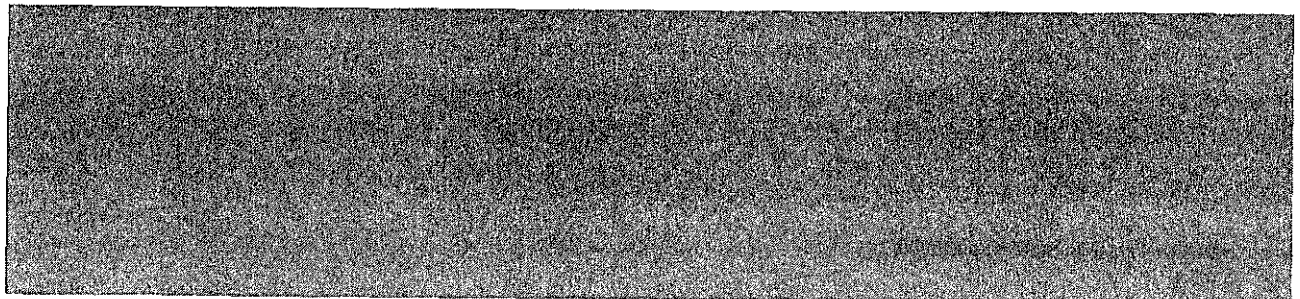
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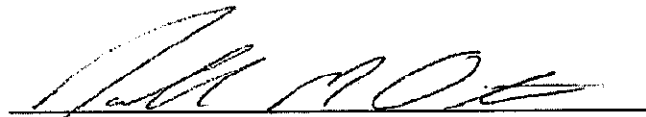
4-24) In response to Staff's discovery request 1-17, the Company indicated that it was in the process of evaluating need and negotiating a PPA with a respondent regarding a PPA for 35 MW starting in 2019. The Company also indicated that it was attempting to resolve confidentiality restrictions. Please provide an update regarding this matter including the length of term being contemplated. Please also explain if the Company will be needing additional capacity in addition to the 35 MW and if so, please provide the capacity need, timing and MW on a year by year basis.

Response: NorthWestern is still in negotiations with the counter party. Based on the most recent analysis that is included in the 2016 Procurement Plan, NorthWestern's need will be less than 35 MW and the company is evaluating a 3 year agreement. Attached is NorthWestern Energy's 2016 plan.



Dated this 13th day of December, 2016.

**NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION,
d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY**



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