BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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

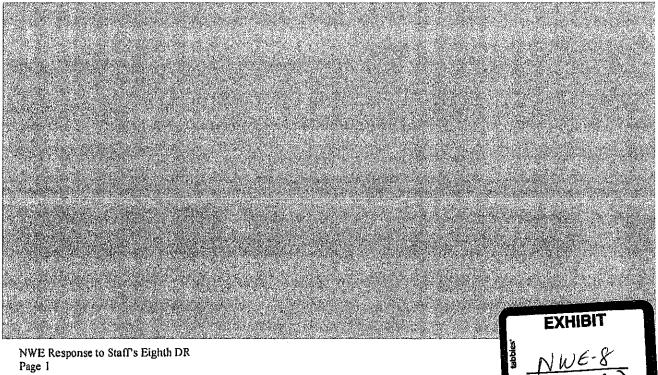
NORTHWESTERN'S RESPONSE TO **COMMISSION STAFF'S EIGHTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS** EL16-021

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

NORTHWESTERN'S RESPONSE

Mr. Luke Hansen's rebuttal testimony describes the validation results associated with 8-1) 2013 IRP submitted in Montana. Please provide the validation results specific to the PowerSimm modeling and analysis conducted for the last IRP prepared in South Dakota, and validation results associated with the avoided cost calculation for Consolidated Edison Development projects.

Response: See attached folder 8-1.



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NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

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