



Exhibit A

Request for Confidential Treatment

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy requests confidential treatment as follows:

1. The document for which confidential treatment is requested is Exhibit B.
2. NorthWestern requests that such confidential treatment be afforded Exhibit B indefinitely or, at a minimum, 10 years.
3. The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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4. NorthWestern requests confidentiality on the grounds that the project development details are proprietary. Sharing this information to third parties may provide competitive advantages to the competitors for NorthWestern and all of its development partners.
5. As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4, above.