

April 24, 2017

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Docket GE 15-002 – In the Matter of the filing by NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, to Present Final Demand Side Management Results from July 2014 through December 2016 – Request for Confidential treatment

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In its filing for Docket GE15-002, NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, marked Attachment A to its Final Report of DSM Activities as Confidential. Attachment A to the Final Report of DSM activities contains confidential customer information and information that is considered to be proprietary to NorthWestern Energy's utility businesses. Therefore in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:41, NorthWestern Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of Attachment A to the Final Report of DSM activities.


Any questions regarding this request for confidential treatment may be directed to:

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Included with this communication is a report of NorthWestern Energy's South Dakota Demand Side Management ("SD DSM") activities from July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). The Commission approved the plan with Order GE12 – 001. This report outlines the activities completed through December 31, 2016, provides complied savings and expenses for the complete SD DSM plan for July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016. Also included are the workbooks for cost effective analyses (including the Program Administrator Cost, Total Resource Cost, and Ratepayer Impact Measurement tests) of the DSM plan offerings through December 31, 2016 marked as confidential.

NorthWestern wishes to thank the Commission and Staff for their diligence and good faith efforts in working with us in the efforts to implement sustainable cost effective DSM



programs in South Dakota. While the programs have been discontinued, we will continue to evaluate DSM opportunities for the future.

If there are any questions regarding this filing please contact Danie Williams at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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