



October 30, 2020

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

RE: In the Matter of Docket GE20-002 - NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy, Regulatory Asset Quarterly Report

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Included with this communication is NorthWestern Corporation’s, dba NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”), Regulatory Asset Quarterly Report as required in Docket GE20-002. Our report regarding customer information covers the 2020 Quarters ending June 30th and September 30th. It also includes cumulative customer information for the period of April 1 through October 28, 2020. This information is provided in Attachment A to this communication.

NorthWestern only seeks to recover bad debt as COVID related costs in a regulatory asset; the establishment of which was allowed by the Commission in its order dated August 19, 2020 in the above referenced matter. Below is the amount of COVID related bad debt expense placed into a regulatory asset for Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2020:

Expenses by SD Utility	Approved Bad Debt in Cost of Service	YTD June 2020 Actual	Deferred in Regulatory Asset 6/30/2020	YTD September 2020 Actual	Deferred in Regulatory Asset 9/30/2020
Electric Bad Debt Expense (\$)	171,955	285,834	113,879	454,236	282,281
Gas Bad Debt Expense (\$)	130,119	145,781	15,662	230,903	100,784
Total (\$)	302,074	431,615	129,541	685,139	383,065

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela A. Bonrud".

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