

Executive Director of Public

Utilities Commission

Jim Sedlacek and the citizens of Scotland SD, and, especially those in attendance at the public hearing on October 10, 2011 sincerely express gratitude and appreciation to the eight people from the PUC for, first of all, making the drive to Scotland and back to Pierre in one 24 hour period.

Most of all, however, the purpose of the meeting was excellently met: to hear public concerns about the proposed raise in natural gas rates from Northwestern Energy. Chris Nelson presented himself as a listener which endeared the PUC to the attendees. The most-often heard comment was that the Hearing was very informative—"I did not know—". Credit is also to be given to the Northwestern staff as well as the PUC.

At the end of the public hearing both groups stayed to engage in fellowship with the attendees, again thanks to the eight from the PUC as well as NW Energy. Much good feeling about SD's government, and in particular, about the Public Utilities Commission members, was spread around Scotland the next day at the "coffee spots" in town!

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