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Re: In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Authority to Increase its Natural Gas Rates. Docket NG11-003

Dear <FName> <LName>:

On Sept. 9, 2011, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a petition requesting the Commission to suspend the proposed rate increase requested by NorthWestern Energy and to hold public hearings to determine if such a rate should be allowed.

Enclosed, please find a notice of public hearing related to this matter. Please email [puc@state.sd.us](mailto:puc@state.sd.us) or call 1-800-332-1782 if you have any concerns regarding the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director