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Commission and Staff,

Regarding the issue at hand, our farm gas tap service is very useful and would be a great loss if discontinued. My understanding of all aspects of the situation may be incomplete, but I do know the roles of Northern Natural Gas as well as Northwestern Energy, and see in the docket filings your conclusion that Northern Natural Gas is not a public utility. It would be difficult to believe that Northwestern Energy could somehow excuse itself from public utility status and thus be able to terminate gas service to the farm taps, without being accountable to state regulatory action. I believe the commission needs to step up and hold Northwestern Energy accountable for the needs of the South Dakota farm tap customers. Over the years we have paid for gas service to various vendors as outlined in some of the filings on the docket, it is not essential that Northwestern Energy be the ongoing service provider but rather that there continues to be a service provider. I respectfully request that the commission use its authority to preserve natural gas service to the farm tap customers at risk in this situation.

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