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**RE: NG16-014**

Ms. Van Gerpen,

The Parties to this docket would like to extend their gratitude to the Commission for postponing its decision in order to allow time for negotiations. The Parties spent a great deal of time discussing this matter. Unfortunately, we were unable to come to a resolution.

In spite of what decision the Commission might make on January 17, Staff is committed to continuing to work with both companies to reach a resolution that protects all of the farm tap customers, as well as NorthWestern's other 46,000 customers.

Best regards,

Kristen Edwards  
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