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

RE: NG16-014, In the Matter of Commission Staff's Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Farm Tap Customers

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Staff hereby informs the Commission and interested persons that Staff, Northern Natural Gas, and NorthWestern Energy have agreed to enter into discussions to negotiate for the benefit of the farm tap customers. In order to allow adequate time to have these discussions, we request that the Commission delay its decision until the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on January 17, 2017, rather than January 3, as previously intended. Staff, as the petitioner in this matter, hereby waives the 60-day requirement pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:35.

Staff has communicated with Northern, NorthWestern, and Montana-Dakota Utilities, and has received their consent to submit this request.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards
Staff Attorney