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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re: In the Matter of the Application of South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company for
Authority to Increase its Natural Gas Rates
Docket No. NG17-009**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On October 19, 2017, Commission Staff withdrew its Motion to Compel (the "Motion"). Counsel for the South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company ("SDIP") had prepared an extensive response to the Motion and was prepared to file the response yesterday. Based upon the recent letter from Commission Staff, counsel doesn't believe a responsive pleading is necessary. Attorney Bachand and attorney Reiss engaged in further productive discussions today regarding this docket. We believe that Staff and SDIP have a better understanding of the nature of requests and response times based upon the size of SDIP. SDIP continues to work with Staff in order to provide the necessary information in order to engage in timely productive negotiations.

Very truly yours,

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Andrew P. Moratzka

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