



## **Exhibit A**

### **Request for Confidential Treatment**

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy requests confidential treatment as follows:

1. The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are the Interruptible Transportation Service Agreement between NorthWestern and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. (the "Customer"), dated August 1, 2023 (the "Agreement"), and Exhibit B.
2. NorthWestern requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the Agreement and Exhibit B indefinitely or, at a minimum, until the conclusion of the term of the Agreement.
3. The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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4. The grounds for confidentiality are that the Agreement and exhibits provide proprietary information concerning both NorthWestern and the Customer, including the pricing of natural gas service. Sharing this information to third parties may provide competitive advantages to the competitors for both NorthWestern and the Customer.
5. As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4, above.