



EXHIBIT A
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern" or the "Company") and, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are the Natural Gas Service Agreement between NorthWestern and L.G. Everist, Incorporated (the "Customer"), dated May 31, 2024 (the "Agreement"), and Exhibit B.
- 2) The Company 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 the Company 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 paragraph 4 above.