Exhibit A
Request for Confidential Treatment

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("*NorthWestern*") requests confidential treatment as follows:

1. The documents for which confidential treatment is requested is the Transportation Service Agreement between NorthWestern and POET Biorefining - Mitchell, LLC, (the "*Customer*"), dated November 23, 2026 (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:

Jeff Decker Regulatory Specialist NorthWestern Energy 600 Market Street West Huron, SD 57350 (605) 353-8315	Pamela Bonrud Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs NorthWestern Energy 3010 West 69th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57108 (605) 978-2900

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 of both NorthWestern and the Customer.

5. As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4, above.