EXHIBIT A
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

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

1) The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are the Amended and Restated Transportation Service Agreement between NorthWestern and Dakota Ethanol, L.L.C. (the "Customer"), dated October 20, 2026 (the "Agreement"), and the work papers in 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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Specialist Regulatory	Director Government and Regulatory Affairs
NorthWestern Energy	NorthWestern Energy
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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 transportation 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.