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Mr. Alan Mayberry  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Second Floor, East Building  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Mayberry:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved a permanent waiver of 49 CFR 192.481(a) for NorthWestern Energy. This approval is noted in the attached order in Docket PS18-002. Please accept this letter as the required notification to PHMSA for its 60-day waiver review process.

The required information for a waiver notice is given below:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of applicant.  
Pamela A. Bonrud  
Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs  
NorthWestern Energy  
3010 West 69th Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108  
Telephone: (605) 978-2900  
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2. Safety regulation involved: 49 CFR 192.481(a)
3. Pipeline facilities involved: approximately 49,000 natural gas customers, 1,635 miles of distribution main and 55 miles of transmission main in South Dakota
4. Justification for the waiver: Please see attached Request for Waiver
5. PUC Order and incorporated Request for Waiver is attached.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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