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Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
523 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: RM08-002 - In the Matter of the Adoption of Rules Regarding PURPA Interconnection

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

NorthWestern Corporation, d.b.a. NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), appreciates this opportunity to provide comments in regards to Staff's proposed System Impact Study Agreement form as presented in their August 19, 2009, filing. NorthWestern is in agreement with the form as presented by Staff and requests no additional changes in the form.

NorthWestern extends its sincere appreciation to Staff for their assistance and diligence in working through the myriad of issues that arose during this rule making process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Bonrud".

Pamela A. Bonrud  
Director – SD/NE Government and Regulatory Affairs

CC: Carolyn Loos, Director – Business Performance and Analysis