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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director SD Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Pierre, SD 57501

RE: NG-_____ - NorthWestern Energy 2012 Economic Development Budget

Dear Patty:

It has come to my attention that there was an error in NorthWestern Energy's 2012 Economic Development Budget filing submitted on March 30, 2012. The Advantage SD marketing budget should have read \$40,000 not \$4,000. Obviously, a zero was dropped in the preparation of the budget table. Attachment A is the corrected proposed 2012 Economic Development Budget for the commission's consideration.

Please contact me if there any questions about the correction.

Thank you,

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