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**VIA E-FILING**

October 4, 2007

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

Re: SD PUC Docket Number EL06-018  
In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards

Dear Patty:

I am requesting a short extension for NorthWestern Energy to file its Interconnection Procedures and Requirements for Distributed Generation Systems, as required by the Commission's July 26, 2007 Order in EL06-018. NorthWestern Energy is asking for an extension until October 12, 2007 to file the required documents.

NorthWestern Energy has actively participated throughout the Commission's process in considering the enactment of the new PURPA standards that resulted from the passage of EPAct 2005. As you are aware, NorthWestern Energy is also actively involved in four rate cases throughout its three-state service territory causing some time constraints on its regulatory resources. NorthWestern is committed to filing its interconnection procedures and requirements as requested. The short extension will allow NorthWestern to complete its PURPA Interconnection Procedures and Agreements filing as requested by the PUC. Prior to filing this request for an extension, NorthWestern contacted Commission staff for its input as to whether the time extension would cause any problems for them. Staff indicated NorthWestern's request would not create any issues for their timeline.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request for a short extension. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela A. Bonrud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

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

Cc: Brett Koenecke, May, Adams, Gerdes & Thompson, LLP

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pamela A. Bonrud of NorthWestern Energy hereby certifies that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007, she mailed by electronic mail, a true and correct copy of NorthWestern's *Request for Extension of Time to File Interconnection Procedures and Requirements* in the Matter of Consideration of the New PURPA Standards, SD PUC Docket Number EL06-018, to the following:

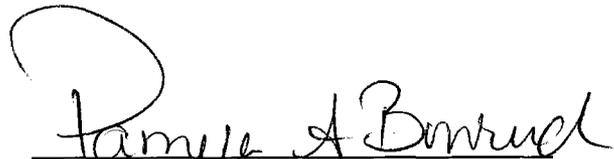
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