



July 22, 2016

***Sent Via United States Mail & eFiling***

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

*Re: In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations, EL16-015*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is NorthWestern Energy's Motion to Dismiss the above-referenced matter, Docket EL16-015.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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