



May 23, 2014

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

RE: GE12-001 – In the Matter of a Filing by NorthWestern Corporation, d.b.a. NorthWestern Energy, for Approval of Tariff Revisions to its South Dakota Demand Side Management Plan

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

During the May 13, 2014 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) meeting, NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) received a set of data requests from the commissioners related to the above referenced docket. While NorthWestern has been working diligently to gather the appropriate information in response to the commissioners' data requests, technical difficulties have been encountered causing a delay in compiling the necessary information. NorthWestern is hopeful that we will be able to submit the remaining responses today.

Due to this delay in being able to respond in a timely fashion to the pending data requests, NorthWestern requests a deferral of Commission action on this docket at its May 27, 2014 meeting until the Commission's next meeting scheduled for June 10, 2014. NorthWestern is hopeful that this deferral will allow the Commission the necessary time to review NorthWestern's responses to the pending data requests.

If there are any additional questions regarding our request to defer Commission action on GE12-001 until June 10, 2014, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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