

EXHIBIT A
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”) and, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) The documents for which confidential treatment is requested are:
 - Natural Gas Transportation Service Agreement dated September 13, 2013 (the “Contract”), and
 - Exhibit B (work papers), pages 1 and 2.
- 2) NorthWestern requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the Contract and work papers indefinitely, or a minimum of ten years.
- 3) The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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- 4) The grounds for confidentiality are that the Contract and Exhibit B provide proprietary information concerning both NorthWestern and the Customer, including the pricing of natural gas service and the costs of construction for the facilities to serve the Customer. Sharing this information to third parties may provide competitive advantages to the competitors for both NorthWestern and the Customer.
- 5) As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4) above.