BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF'S REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE ON THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT ON SOUTH DAKOTA UTILTIES NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

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NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

By this petition, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy

("NorthWestern") requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

("Commission") to grant NorthWestern leave to intervene and party status in the abovecaptioned proceeding pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-17.1, ARSD § 20:10:01:15.02 and

20:10:01:15.03. In support hereof, NorthWestern states as follows:

- 1. NorthWestern is an investor owned electric and natural gas utility in South Dakota and the Commission Staff has requested an order requiring South Dakota utilities to file comments on the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on its South Dakota cost of service.
- 2. Based on the foregoing, NorthWestern is an interested party in this matter entitled to intervening party status.

WHEREFORE, NorthWestern requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and allow NorthWestern to be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated December 22, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I the undersigned hereby certify that on the 22nd day of December, 2017, true and correct copies of the foregoing, NORTHWESTERN'S PETITION TO INTERVENE, was served upon the following by electronic mail:

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