

November 21, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
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Re: EL16-021 – Consolidated Edison Development v. NorthWestern Energy

Executive Director Van Gerpen:

This filing constitutes NorthWestern Energy's response to November 8, 2017 *ex parte* correspondence addressed to Commission Attorney Mr. de Hueck from Consolidated Edison Development Attorney William Taylor. NorthWestern is filing this response in the docket with service to all interested parties.

NorthWestern does not agree to ConEdison's proposed resolution of this litigated matter. ConEdison appears willing to accept the levelized rate calculated by NorthWestern at the direction of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, but only if the official record remains devoid of any guidance addressing avoided cost calculations and related matters.

NorthWestern's position remains the same as stated in our October 31 correspondence copied to all interested parties. We respectfully request the Commission issue findings of fact and conclusions of law consistent with the motions adopted on August 15.

Sincerely,

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CC: Commission Service List

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPLAINT BY CONSOLIDATED
EDISON DEVELOPMENT AGAINST
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION
DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR
ESTABLISHING A PURCHASE
POWER AGREEMENT**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that on the 21st day of November, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing, **NORTHWESTERN'S RESPONSE TO CONSOLIDATED EDISON DEVELOPMENT'S CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2017**, was served on the following via electronic mail:

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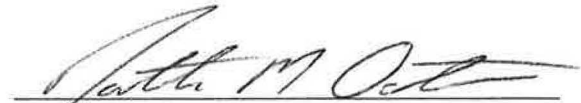
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