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Ms. Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson

Public Utilities Commission

Capitol Building, 1st Floor

500 E. Capitol Ave

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Dear Ms. Fiegen,

I need your help.

I read the Commission's ruling on farm taps dated January 24, and it does not reassure me that I will have continued and uninterrupted gas service. It appears to declare Northwestern Energy as a regulated public utility, which is fine. But it lets Northern Natural Gas off the regulatory hook, even though they promised farm tap users natural gas service in exchange for easements. Further, Northwest stated in PUC testimony they were responsible to supply the farm tap users when asked directly.

We elect the members of the Public Utilities Commission to make sure consumers are protected and ensure safe, reliable utility service for consumers. Therefore, I am looking to you, Chairperson Fiegen, to tell me what steps you will take to ensure that my natural gas

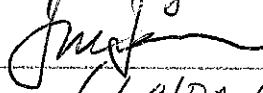
Service will not be interrupted.

The Public Utilities Commission obviously has the authority to require Northwestern and Northern to continue gas service to our homes. So please do it. Utilities have to be willing to serve every body, and it seems that Northwestern and Northern have forgotten that. You are the Public Utilities Commission, and you are there to make sure everyone has the utilities they need.

I look forward to hearing from you as to what happens now. Will you open a new docket concerning extending natural gas service for farm tops, negotiate with Northwestern, Northern or other gas supplier, or issue one or more orders to keep our natural gas service available? Will you ask the Attorney General to initiate litigation on our behalf?

Lastly, let me know what I might do to assist you in this task.

Sincerely,



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