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To:

S. Dak. Public Utilities Commission

I am writing in regard to docket number NG16-014, My name is Ronald Schulz. Mailing address - [REDACTED] Fulton, S. Dak. 57340.

I am writing this since my mother ([REDACTED]) is currently in a nursing home. My son [REDACTED] is now living at [REDACTED] residence. He is the father of 2 girls age 16 + 8 yrs. of age. My son has custody of his 2 girls + they are living at the home that is being serviced by Northwestern Energy through Northern Natural Gas by their farm tap. This is there source of heat for the home.

Why are some of the farm taps being shut off, and some are not? Why would the S-Dak. Public Utilities Commission allow discontinuance of my utility service? Is it because we are small + don't use much gas? Shouldn't everyone small or large users of gas be treated equal? What if Walmart only sold to people spending ~~over~~ over \$20.00 + not less? What if gas stations only sold gas if you bought more then \$20.00? Aren't the cost of serving this farm tap in North Western Energy's rates?

By shutting some farm taps off and not all of them wouldn't this be discrimination? If we can't depend on you to help us small users of gas out, who can we depend on? I hope that you do the right thing + help everyone out, no just a select few. (Con't)

This notification of shutting of my mothers farm
tap by Dec. 31st 2016 in the middle of the winter
couldn't have come at a worse time, (right after Christmas also)
This natural gas is what my son + 2 children depend on for
heat. They live on a tight budget + if my mother comes
home from the nursing home, what do they do? A new
furnace + different source of heat is currently out of the question.

I hope you do your jobs + protect ~~everyone~~ from
the big companies not just a select few.

Thank you for your time + consideration

Sincerely

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