



January 21, 2021

Lori Schultz, Finance Officer
Brookings County Finance Department
520 3rd Street, Suite 100
Brookings, SD 57006

Re: Application for County Natural Gas Franchise Renewal

Dear Ms. Schultz:

Enclosed for your consideration at the County Commission meeting are:

- Two (2) copies of NorthWestern Energy's ("NorthWestern") application for permission to construct, lay, maintain and operate natural gas pipelines and mains in and along the public road rights of way of Brookings County ("Application");
- Six (6) maps, or one map for each commissioner plus one map for your records, illustrating NorthWestern's existing natural gas pipelines and mains in Brookings County;
- Two (2) copies of the resolution and recitals ("Resolution") to be completed at the hearing by the County Commission and signed by the Chairman of the Board of the County Commissioners. The Resolution is simply a suggested form consistent with prior resolutions authorized by the County with respect to NorthWestern's natural gas pipeline and mains, and is offered to help the Board of County Commissioners.

Please retain one original copy of both the Application and the Resolution for your records and return the other original copies of these documents to NorthWestern Energy, c/o Robert Gehm, 313 Cedar Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

I have reached out to Stacy Steffensen to get on the agenda for commission meeting on the 16th of February, 2021. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Gehm, MAI, SRA, R/W-AC

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