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Nichole Mulcahy Director, Natural Gas Department Nebraska Public Service Commission 300 The Atrium 1200 N Street Lincoln, NE 68508 <u>Nichole.mulcahy@nebraska.gov</u>

RE: NorthWestern Energy Tariff: Voluntary Removal of Facilities

Dear Director Mulcahy:

Attached please find a revised tariff sheet relating to relocation, removal or abandonment of service lines requested by customers or caused by customer actions. As noted on the top of the sheet, this should replace the existing tariff Section 4, Sheet 8. A red-lined copy of the sheet is attached, showing the changes, is attached for your reference. A clean copy is attached for filing.

This filing is made pursuant to the Public Service Commission's investigation of voluntary removal of services or facilities conducted this year in Docket No. NG-113.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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Installation of gas service lines are scheduled by the Company for completion during the regular construction season. The Company may make a charge for added cost of the construction of a gas service line if the installation is required other than during the regular construction season.

The Company will not install Gas Services and Mains until the surface has been graded to within six inches of a permanent established elevation.

Economic Feasibility: For determining contributions on pipeline projects, annual revenue will be determined by multiplying projected volumes by the projected tariff delivery rate. The annual non-PGA, non-surcharge revenues will be reduced by the annual projected Operating, Maintenance, and Property Tax expenses. The resulting net margin will be divided by the result of the current allowed return on rate base, grossed up for taxes, to determine the level of investment the load will support. Any project costs over and above the determined level of investment may be collected from the customer.

CUSTOMER REQUESTED OR CAUSED SERVICE LINE RELOCATION, REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT

The Company may charge the Customer for the cost of relocating, abandoning or removing facilities of the Company or the Customer (a) when the Customer requests such action, (b) when action by the Customer causes the need for such action, (c) when action by the Customer requires the Company to take such action to comply with applicable legal requirements, or (d) when action by the Customer requires the Company to take such action to mitigate potential or existing safety hazards to persons or property.

The Company may refuse a Customer's request to relocate, abandon or remove facilities of the Company or the Customer if, in the sole judgment of the Company, such action would create an unsafe condition, negatively impact other customers served by the Company, or is otherwise in violation of state or federal laws or regulations.

BILLING DAY AND CURTAILMENT OF GAS

The billing day for the purpose of determining the amount of gas used will be from 9:00 a.m. CCT (Central Clock Time) one day until 9:00 a.m. CCT the next day. The Company shall have the right to curtail or limit the Customer's use of gas during any billing day to the Contract Demand then in effect when demand by firm and higher priority interruptible natural gas purchasers exceeds available pipeline supply. Curtailment of interruptible gas will commence at 9:00 a.m. CCT at the start of a new billing day. Under normal circumstances, notice of curtailment of interruptible gas will be given to Customer by 3:00 p.m. CCT, prior to the beginning of the gas day in which curtailment is to begin. However, in cases of emergency (to be determined solely by the Company) any notice prior to 9:00 a.m. CCT is deemed to place the curtailment in effect at 9:00 a.m. CCT, and such curtailment shall continue in effect until the Company notifies Customer that the curtailment is released. In cases of emergency when notice of curtailment cannot reasonably be given immediately prior to a new billing day, Customer will cooperate with the Company by curtailing its use of interruptible gas as soon as possible after notice of curtailment by Company. Proper notice of curtailment will be deemed to have been given when any person or persons authorized to receive curtailment orders on behalf of Customer has been notified by telephone or in person by a representative of Company.

The Company will endeavor to give the Customer as much notice as possible with respect to curtailment of service. Customer agrees to provide and maintain complete standby facilities and have available at all times sufficient standby fuel to maintain continuous plant operations during complete curtailment in the delivery of natural gas.

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