

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE)	OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN)	TERRITORY EXCEPTION
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA)	AGREEMENT
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND BON)	
HOMME, YANKTON ELECTRIC)	EL13-042
ASSOCIATION, INC.)	

On December 19, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing from NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) and Bon Homme, Yankton Electric Association, Inc. (B-Y Electric) requesting approval of a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service in Assigned Service Territory of Another Electric Supplier (Agreement). The Agreement provides a service rights exception for B-Y Electric to serve power to a customer in NorthWestern's territory. A map showing the location was included in the filing. The Agreement includes a Consent signed by the affected landowner.

On December 26, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 10, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Agreement. Finding that the Agreement will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of NorthWestern and B-Y Electric's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Consent and Agreement for Electric Service in Assigned Service Territory of Another Electric Supplier is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of January, 2014.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
By: <u>Tara Douglas</u>
Date: <u>1-31-14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner