

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )  
FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION )  
BETWEEN NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION )  
DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND )  
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )  
)

**ORDER GRANTING  
APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION  
TO ASSIGNED ELECTRIC  
SERVICE TERRITORY**

**EL15-028**

On August 24, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request for a service rights exception between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric). With this request Central Electric would provide a single phase electrical service to a new home located within the NorthWestern service territory.

On August 27, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 11, 2015, 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, 49-34A-43, and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 13, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that Central Electric's provision of a single phase electric service to the customer will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected at lesser cost, and promote the efficient and economical use and development of NorthWestern's and Central Electric's electric systems and that it is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the exception to NorthWestern's and Central Electric's assigned service territories. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of an exception to the assigned service territories of NorthWestern and Central Electric is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of October, 2015.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Rolayne West</u>
Date: <u>10-22-15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner