

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR )  
TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY )  
DAKOTA PLAINS AG CENTER, LLC TO HAVE )  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS )  
ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA )  
OF BON HOMME YANKTON ELECTRIC )  
ASSOCIATION INC. )

**ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION TO DISMISS  
PETITION FOR TEMPORARY  
ELECTRIC SERVICE**

**EL16-014**

On April 1, 2016, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Dakota Plains Ag Center, LLC (Dakota Plains) for temporary electric service pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56 and 49-34A-58. Dakota Plains requests authorization to take temporary electric service from NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). Dakota Plains states NorthWestern has facilities in place alongside the location and is ready, willing, and able to provide electric service to Dakota Plains during the construction stage of the project.

On April 7, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 22, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On April 11, 2016, Staff filed a Motion to Dismiss. Intervention was granted to Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc. and NorthWestern on April 12, 2016. On April 20, 2016, Dakota Plains filed a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Temporary Electric Service, noting they no longer have a need for temporary electric service.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-56.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Dakota Plains stated that temporary electric service is no longer needed. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Temporary Electric Service. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that Dakota Plains' Motion to Dismiss Petition for Temporary Electric Service is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 2016.

<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>Relayne West</u>
Date: <u>5-2-16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner