

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT BY JUHL )  
ENERGY, INC. AGAINST NORTHWESTERN )  
CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY )  
FOR ESTABLISHING A PURCHASE POWER )  
AGREEMENT )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
JUHL'S REQUEST FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

**EL16-021**

On June 23, 2016, Juhl Energy, Inc. (Juhl) filed a Complaint with the with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking resolution of a dispute with NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) regarding the proper avoided cost for a long-term electric power purchase agreement. On August 4, 2016, the Parties filed a Joint Request for a Procedural Schedule. At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2016, the Commission established a Procedural Schedule. On October 24, 2016, Juhl filed a request for confidential treatment of responses to NorthWestern's Discovery Requests 1-29 and 1-31.

On June 30, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of July 25, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 824a-n, and SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13, and 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:01:42.

The Commission considered this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 8, 2016. Hearing no objection from the other parties, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Juhl's request for confidential treatment.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Juhl's request for confidential treatment is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: <u>11/17/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner