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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 8 2004

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY TO DAKOTA TURKEY GROWERS, LLC.

Docket No. ____ AFFIDAVIT OF JOINDER

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA))SS.
COUNTY OF BEADLE)

Robert Rademacher, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is the General Manager of Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter Dakota Energy), and makes this Affidavit for and on behalf of Dakota Energy, who joins in the Petition for Electric Service as executed by Dakota Turkey Growers, LLC (hereinafter Turkey Growers), and states:

- (1) Based upon information and belief, the Facility (which includes the turkey processing plant, office, truck depot and related facilities) to be constructed for Turkey Growers is to be electrically operated and will have a contract demand of 2,000 kilowatts or more.
- (2) Dakota Energy has an adequate power supply available for Petitioner's facility in that Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., and East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., cooperatively owned by Dakota Energy and others, have large generation and transmission facilities in existence and under construction that will provide adequate power supply for resale by Dakota Energy to Turkey Growers and other similar consumers. Additionally, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., owns a transmission line approximately three miles east of the Facility site and will tap into said line and build a 69 kV transmission line to the Facility site and construct adjacent to the Facility premises a 7.5 MVA substation with 69 kV highside voltage and 12.47 kV lowside voltage, which will be made available to Dakota Energy, which electrical service will be more than sufficient to meet the needs of Turkey Growers' requirements.

- (3) By furnishing electricity to the Facility, the consumers of Dakota Energy and the public in general will be benefited in that its entire electric system will be strengthened. A load of this magnitude results in the sale of more energy which causes a favorable impact on a system of approximately 3,323 consumers and in prorating expenses more economically among its consumers.
- (4) Turkey Growers desires to have Dakota Energy supply electric service to the Facility, and Dakota Energy offers and agrees to comply with such request. To accomplish this, Turkey Growers and Dakota Energy have entered into an Electric Service Agreement dated September 21, 2004.
- (5) Service for the electric load as requested by Turkey Growers is of the type and nature that can be readily provided by Dakota Energy through the generation and transmission facilities of Basin Electric and East River. Since East River is willing to provide Dakota Energy approximately three miles of 69 kV transmission line as well as a new substation adjacent to the Facility site, Dakota Energy is ready, willing, and able to comply with the request of Turkey Growers, and respectfully urges the Public Utilities Commission grant the Petition.

DATED this $6^{\frac{-h}{h}}$ day of October, 2004.

Robert Rademacher, General Manager and

Chief Operating Officer

Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of October, 2004.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

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