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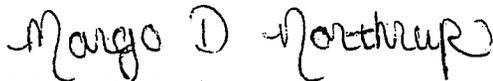
Patty Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY
DAKOTA VINYL EXTRUSIONS, INC. TO HAVE NORTHWESTERN COR-
PORATION D/B/A NORTHWESTERN ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS ELEC-
TRIC PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA OF CODINGTON-CLARK
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Dear Patty:

Enclosed herein are original and ten (10) copies of the Petition to Intervene of South Da-
kota Rural Electric Association for filing in the above referenced docket.

Sincerely yours,



Margo D. Northrup
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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DOCKET NUMBER EL06-014

PETITION OF
SDREA TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, South Dakota Rural Electric Associa-
tion ("SDREA") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. SDREA is an organization comprised of member electric cooperatives in South Dakota. SDREA is devoted to the protection of the interests of its member electric cooperatives and their customers.
2. Dakota Vinyl Extrusions, Inc. ("Dakota Vinyl") has filed a Petition with this Commission (EL06-014) requesting that the Commission enter an Order allowing NorthWestern Corporation D/B/A NorthWestern to provide electric services to the Dakota Vinyl Manufacturing Plant located near Clark, SD, which is within the assigned service territory of Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc ("Codington-Clark Electric"). Dakota Vinyl's petition was filed pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-56, which is the large load statute.

3. SDREA believes that the issues presented in Dakota Vinyl's Petition with regard to the determination of large load under SDCL § 49-34A-56 directly affect all of its member companies, and their consumers.

4. SDREA further asserts that premature consideration by the Commission of application of SDCL § 49-34A-56 to tentative projects, in the manner requested by Dakota Vinyl and NorthWestern in this docket could result in an erosion of South Dakota's territorial laws, which would be detrimental to member companies and to the consumers of South Dakota.

5. The issues presented in this docket and SDREA's proposed intervention constitutes a matter of public interest, especially to future large load customers. Thus, denial of this Petition would be detrimental to the public interest and is likely to result in a miscarriage of justice.

WHEREFORE, SDREA prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, conduct discovery and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this thirty-first day of May, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the PETITION OF SDREA TO INTERVENE was served via the method(s) indicated below, addressed to:

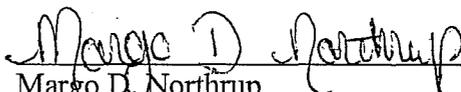
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