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Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: In the matter of the Petition for Electrical Service by Redfield Energy, LLC
to have NorthWestern Energy assigned as its electrical provider in the
service area of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of the Petition of Northern
Electric to Intervene in the above captioned docket.

Also enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of the Certificate of
Service reflecting service upon Brent Koenecke, attorney for NorthWestern
Energy and Arthur M. Hopper, attorney for Redfield Energy, LLC.

Sincerely,


Harvey A. Oliver

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Enclosure
cc: Jim Moore
Monty Hopper
Brent Koenecke

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
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In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service)
By Redfield Energy, LLC to have) Docket No. EL06-016
NorthWestern Energy assigned as its)
Electric Provider in the Service area of)
Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.)

PETITION OF NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO INTERVENE

Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Northern") hereby petitions to intervene as a party in this matter pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 to the Petition of Redfield Energy, LLC to have NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") as the electric supplier for its ethanol plant located near Redfield, South Dakota.

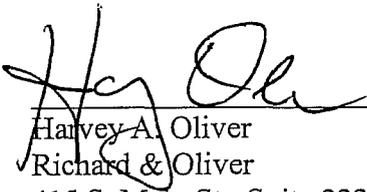
In support of this Petition, Northern states that is an interested party in Docket EL06-016 , for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site of the Ethanol Plant is within the exclusive assigned service territory of Northern.
2. Northern has served the site continuously for many years including service prior to March 21, 1975.
3. Northern can and is willing to furnish an adequate and reliable electrical supply to the ethanol plant.
4. While Northern does not at this point formally object to Redfield Energy's Petition, Northern may elect to do so if it should be established that the requirements of SDCL § 49-34A-3 are being violated or if the criteria as set forth in SDCL § 49-34A-56 do not justify or allow NorthWestern to serve the ethanol plant.

5. Northern requests permission to intervene for the purpose of presenting testimony and or to contest the petition of Redfield Energy if discovery of sufficient facts and information warrant such objection.

WHEREFORE, Northern requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2006.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, hereby certifies that on the 12th day of June, 2006, true and correct copies of the Petition of Northern Electric Cooperative to Intervene was mailed first class, postage prepaid to:

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