

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION            )           EL08-028  
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS                    )

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

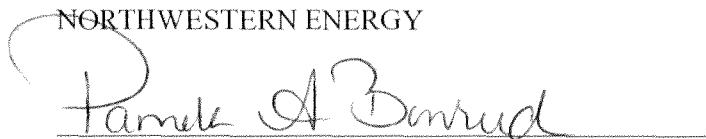
**COMES NOW** NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy and hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission to grant NorthWestern party status for intervention in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, NorthWestern Energy states as follows:

1. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA of 2007) was signed into law on December 19, 2007. The EISA of 2007 includes four new PURPA standards that must be considered by the Commission.
2. The Commission has opened the above captioned docket and is considering how or whether to proceed with regulatory matters in this new PURPA standards environment.
3. As an investor-owned, rate-regulated, public utility serving electric customers in South Dakota, NorthWestern as an affected utility is subject to the new PURPA standards under the EISA of 2007. NorthWestern requests intervention in order to participate fully in this matter.
4. The interests of NorthWestern are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties, and NorthWestern and its stakeholders and ratepayers may be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and its outcome.

**WHEREFORE**, NorthWestern respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition granting it party status in this proceeding.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pamela A. Bonrud of NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, hereby certifies that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008, she transmitted electronically a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known e-mail addresses, to-wit:

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January 5, 2009

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**RE: EL08-028 - In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards**

Dear Patty:

Please find attached a Petition to Intervene in the above referenced matter from NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, for electronic filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Also attached is a Certificate of Service.

All future inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sara Dannen", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Sara Dannen  
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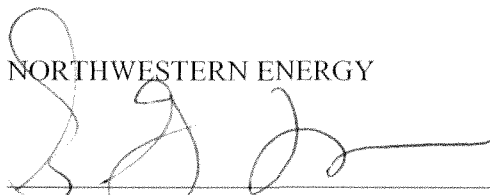
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DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

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