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October 16, 2009

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director SD Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen

Subject: Service Rights Exemption for Whetstone Ag Supply, Wilmot SD

The purpose of this letter is to request approval from the Public Utilities Commision allowing Otter Tail Power Company to provide electric service to a grain bin site owned by Whetstone Ag Supply, Inc. The grain bin site is located in (East one half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 122 North, Range 50, Roberts County, South Dakota) Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperatives service territory,

Tyler Amman of Whetstone Ag Supply, Inc has requested, by separate letter, that Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative allow Otter Tail Power Company to provide electric service to his grain bin site. Attached to our docket filing you will find our Consent and Agreement for Electrical Service in assigned territory of Another Electric Supplier (prepared by Otter Tail Power Company), a map detailing the location of the grain bin site and letters from Whetstone Valley Electric and Whetstone Ag Supply, Inc.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-346-4920 ext 6601.

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Area Manager

Otter Tail Power Company



Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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September 17, 2009

Tyler Anuman 13639 466 Ave Wilmot, SD 57279

Dear Tyler,

The location of the site where you propose to construct a grain bin facility in the East One Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 122 North, Range 50, Roberts County, South Dakota lies within the service territory of Whetstone Vailey Electric Cooperative.

Whetstone's line extension policy would require that you would be responsible for costs of approximately \$79,500 to construct new three phase service to that site.

Because the site is adjacent to a site in Ottertail Power Company's service torritory where threephase service exists now, it appears that your cost would be far less if Whetstone and Ottertail would agree to a service rights exception for that location.

We are willing to agree to a service rights exception with the following conditions:

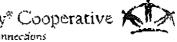
- 1. This service territory exception pertains only to this grain storage facility, for so long as those facilities shall be used for non-commercial agricultural purposes.
- 2. Whetstone shall retain the right of single-phase or three-phase service to any new commercial or residential facility or other facility that may be developed by you or anyone else on any portion of the parcel as described.
- 3. This should not prevent you from replacing, expanding or remodeling existing facilities to being served by Otterfail at this site.

I believe the process for this to occur would be that you and Ottertail develop a Service Rights Exception Agreement and a petition (including the conditions listed above) that would be submitted to the SD Public Utilities Commission. Their approval is required for this to occur.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Ahles General Manager







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Tyler Amara.

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Here is the letter of approval from REA

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

10-16-2009

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Tyler Ammann and I farm west of Wilmot, SD. We own and operate the land for 1 full mile west of Wilmot along SD Highway 15. This territory is serviced by Whetstone Valley Electric out of Milbank, SD except for 1.7 acres that is ½ west of Wilmot along SD Highway 15. We own the land on all 3 sides of this property. This property is owned by Border States Co-operative from Wilmot and serviced by Ottertail Power Co. They have 3-phase power at that site. We want to build a grain handling system right next to this site for the convenience of highway access and 3-phase power. Whetstone Valley Electric has released to Ottertail Power Co. the right to service our new site. Whetstone Valley Electric does not have 3-phase anywhere near here. With the circumstances involved I am asking for you to grant Ottertail Power Co. to service my new site. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Public Utilities Commission Pierre, SD

Commissioners,

Subject: Service Rights Exemption for Whetstone Ag Supply, Wilmot SD

Otter Tail Power Company agrees to provide electric service to a bin site as requested by Tyler Amman, Whetstone Ag Supply, Inc. The bin site is located in the East one half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 122 North, Range 50, Roberts County, South Dakota.

The service rights exception requested would apply only to the bin site and would last in perpetuity.

The parties are requesting approval with less than 30 days notice, if applicable, due to the customer's urgency to have service to this bin site.

Sincere

Kevin Kouba Area Manager

Otter Tail Power Company

