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

Re: Territory Exception, Bon Homme County, SD

Dear Ms. Gerpem:

The purpose of this letter is to request approval from the Public Utilities Commission allowing Bon Homme Yankton electric Association, Inc. (B Y Electric) to provide a three phase electrical service to an irrigation well located in the Service Territory of NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern). Said irrigation well is located in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 13, Township 93 North, Range 61 West of the Fifth (5th) Principal Meridian, Bon Homme County, South Dakota as illustrated of the attached Exhibit "A".

This irrigation well requires a three phase service. NorthWestern's closest three phase overhead electrical power line is located approximately 2.5 miles South along 341st Street as illustrated on the attached Location Map. The estimated cost for NorthWestern to provide a three phase service to the irrigation well is **\$168,000.00** including all labor and material. B Y Electric's closest three phase power line is located approximately .5 miles North along 311th Street as illustrated on the attached Location Map. The estimated cost for B Y Electric to provide a three phase service to irrigation well is **\$37,700.00** including all labor and material.

Mr. Craig Vanderiei of 40908 312th Street, Springfield SD 57062, phone # 605-661-2618 (see attached letter) requested that NorthWestern allow B Y Electric to provide a three phase service to an irrigation well located in NorthWestern's Service Territory. Also attached is a Consent and Agreement for Electrical Service in Assigned Service territory of Another Electric Supplier (prepared by NorthWestern), a drawing illustrating the approximate location of irrigation well in relation to NorthWestern's and B Y Electric's existing three phase overhead power lines (Exhibit "A") and a drawing showing NorthWestern's Service Territory (Location Map).

Thank you for your assistance, if you have any questions or require additional information please call me at 605-353-7528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Gogolin".

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Cc: Jake Harens (NorthWestern)
Mr. Craig Vanderiei (Land Owner)
M.J. Goehring (B Y Electric)