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**RE: In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service by Dakota Access, LLC  
to have NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service  
Area of Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.  
Docket No.: EL 15-\_\_\_\_\_  
Our file: 0300.02**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find a Petition for a service territory exception pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56. None of the attached exhibits are confidential. In addition, please find this firm's Notice of Appearance and Request for Documents.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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