



August 1, 2016

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Territory Exception, Clark County, SD

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The purpose of this letter is to request South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approval of an exception to the territorial service boundaries pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-55. NorthWestern Corporation doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") has agreed to allow H-D Electric Cooperative ("H-D Electric") to provide a single phase electrical service not to exceed 50 KVA, said service is located in the assigned service territory of NorthWestern. The site is identified in the attached Location Maps referenced as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

This new home requires a single phase service. NorthWestern's closest power line suitable for single phase service is located along 435th Avenue, 1 mile more or less west of the point of service, see Exhibit A and Exhibit B. The estimated cost for NorthWestern to provide a single phase service to the new home is **\$44,511**, with the customer's contribution being **\$39,356**. H-D Electric's closest power line suitable for providing single phase service is located along 436th Avenue, 200 feet more or less east of the point of service, see Exhibit A and Exhibit B. The estimated cost for H-D Electric to provide a single phase service to the new home is **\$5,920**, with the customer's contribution being **\$250**.

Customer Craig Taschner requested that NorthWestern allow H-D Electric to provide a single phase electrical service to his new house located in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the of Section Thirty-six (S36), Township One Hundred Fourteen North (T114 N.) Range Fifty-six West (R.56 W.) of the Fifth (5th) Principal Meridian, Clark County, South Dakota, see attached correspondence. H-D Electric has agreed to provide a single phase electrical service not to exceed 50 KVA. Also enclosed is a "Consent and Agreement for Electric Service" signed by NorthWestern and H-D Electric. The referenced agreement is effective upon receipt of Commission approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, should you have any questions or require additional information please give me a call.

Sincerely

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