



October 4, 2018

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

Re: Territory Exception, Aurora 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 Central Electric Cooperative ("Central Electric") to provide energy supply to two wind turbines located in the Assigned Service Territory of NorthWestern. The turbine sites are identified on the attached map referenced as Exhibit A.

Aurora County Wind LLC has a total of nine wind turbines. Two of the nine turbines reside in NorthWestern's service territory, with the other seven located within Central Electric's territory. When the turbines are not generating they consume energy. A single meter, located in the Aurora substation, records this back-feed of energy for all nine turbines. NorthWestern's release of two turbines to Central Electric eliminates the need for NorthWestern to install sub-metering equipment at two turbine locations and also simplifies the parties' monthly billing process for back-feed energy.

Consolidated Edison Development, Inc., the owner of CED Aurora County Wind LLC, supports NorthWestern's request to release the two turbines to Central Electric. An email from Consolidated Edison stating their support is included in this filing. Both turbines are located in the North One-half of Section Seventeen (S17), Township One Hundred Three North (T.103.N.), Range Sixty-six West (R.66 W.) of the Fifth (5th) Principle Meridian Aurora County South Dakota. Central Electric has also agreed to supply energy to the turbines. Enclosed is a "Consent and Agreement for Electric Supply", signed by NorthWestern and Central Electric. The referenced agreement is void if the Commission does not approve the territory exception.

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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