

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR)
ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY REDFIELD)
ENERGY, LLC TO HAVE NORTHWESTERN)
CORPORATION D/B/A NORTHWESTERN)
ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC)
PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA OF)
NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

EL06-016

On May 31, 2006, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Redfield Energy, LLC (Redfield Energy) for approval of NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) to provide its electric service. The petition requests that the Public Utilities Commission assign NWE as the supplier of electrical service to the Redfield Energy facility. Redfield Energy is constructing and will operate a manufacturing plant, which will produce ethanol and distiller's grain products, at a site located in Bradley Addition in the NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4 and the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 117 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Spink County, South Dakota. The petition states that Redfield Energy believes NWE can furnish electric service to meet the customer's needs consistent with the factors of SDCL 49-34A-56 and that the customer has a strong preference to be served by NWE. The site of the facility is within the assigned service area of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. Redfield Energy will have electrical service requirements with a contracted minimum demand in excess of 2,000 kilowatts.

On June 1, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 16, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. On June 13, 2006, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NEC).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-42, 49-34A-56 and 49-34A-58.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of July 11, 2006, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of NEC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of July, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>7/21/06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner