

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION )</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF AN</b>
<b>BETWEEN BON HOMME YANKTON ELECTRIC )</b>	<b>EXCEPTION TO THE</b>
<b>ASSOCIATION, INC. AND NORTHWESTERN )</b>	<b>ASSIGNED ELECTRIC</b>
<b>CORPORATION D/B/A NORTHWESTERN )</b>	<b>SERVICE TERRITORY</b>
<b>ENERGY )</b>	<b>EL08-022</b>

On July 21, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc. (B Y Electric) and NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) for approval of a service exception for B Y Electric to provide service to one customer within the boundaries of NWE's service territory. The customer approves the request to the Commission for B Y Electric to provide the service to a proposed irrigation well located in the approximate center of the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 33, Township 94 West, Range 55 West, Yankton County, South Dakota.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 12, 2008, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that B Y Electric may provide electrical service to a proposed irrigation well located in NWE's service territory as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of NWE and B Y Electric. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assigned service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Alaine Kolbe</u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/21/08</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner