

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN) OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) RIGHTS EXCEPTION
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND CODINGTON-)
CLARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)**

EL17-027

On June 23, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) and Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Codington-Clark) to allow Codington-Clark to provide three-phase electric service not to exceed 50 KVA to an Irrigation Pivot located in NorthWestern's territory in the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Thirty-three (S33), Township One Hundred Fourteen North (T.114 N.) Range Fifty-seven West (R.57 W.) of the Fifth (5th) Principal Meridian, Clark County, South Dakota. The customer requested NorthWestern allow Codington-Clark to provide this three-phase electric service. NorthWestern responded to Commission staff's data request on July 19, 2017.

On June 29, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 14, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 1, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the requested service rights exception. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of NorthWestern's and Codington-Clark's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition of NorthWestern and Codington-Clark for Service Rights Exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of August, 2017.

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| 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, electronically or by mail. |
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| Date: <u>8/7/17</u> |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner