

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT BY) ORDER GRANTING JOINT
CONSOLIDATED EDISON DEVELOPMENT, INC.) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
AGAINST NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) OF PPA ORDER DEADLINE
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR ESTABLISHING)
A PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT) EL16-021**

On June 23, 2016, Juhl Energy, Inc. filed a Complaint with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking resolution of a dispute with NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) regarding the proper avoided cost for a long-term electric power purchase agreement. On February 15, 2017, the Commission entered an Order Granting Motion to Amend Complaint that was filed by Consolidated Edison Development, Inc. (CED) making CED the complainant based on its acquisition of Juhl Energy Inc.'s interest in the three wind energy projects that are the subject of this docket.

An evidentiary hearing was held on April 11, 2017 through April 12, 2017, at which CED, NorthWestern, and Commission Staff appeared and participated. On December 20, 2017, after considering the evidence of record, applicable law, and the arguments of the parties, the Commission issued findings of fact, conclusions of law, and its decision ordering that CED and NorthWestern enter into negotiations in good faith to consummate a power purchase agreement consistent with the avoided cost determinations within thirty days.

On January 22, 2018, CED and NorthWestern filed a Joint Request for Extension of PPA Order Deadline, stating that negotiations are ongoing and the parties are requesting an additional twenty-one days to finalize the power purchase agreements. Commission Staff filed its acquiescence to the request on January 23, 2018.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for Extension of PPA Order Deadline is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of January 2018.

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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>1/24/18</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