

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

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

EL18-041

On October 4, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing for approval of a Consent and Agreement for Electric Supply between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric) and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) to allow Central Electric to provide energy supply to two wind turbines within the north one-half of Section 17, Township 103 North, Range 66 West, Aurora County, South Dakota. The two wind turbines are located in the service territory of NorthWestern. Consolidated Edison Development, Inc., owner of the wind turbines, supports NorthWestern's request to release the two turbines to Central Electric.

On October 11, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 15, 2018, 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 October 16, 2018, 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 and Central Electric'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 request for approval of the Consent and Agreement for Electric Supply is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of October 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 de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>10/22/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner