

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN FEM ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. AND NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGES
)	EL13-022

On June 13, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an electric service territory boundary agreement between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NWE) and FEM Electric Association, Inc. (FEM). This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

On June 20, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 5, 2013, 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, 49-34A-43 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested approval subject to the condition that the parties execute and file a new agreement between the companies containing a revised Exhibit A with legal descriptions corrected to accurately describe the territory boundary reflected on the maps in Exhibit B. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreement with the condition recommended by Staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the agreement to update mapping data to reflect current electric service territory boundaries shared by NWE and FEM is hereby granted, subject to the condition that the parties execute and file a new agreement between the companies containing a revised Exhibit A with legal descriptions corrected to accurately describe the territory boundary reflected on the maps in Exhibit B.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of July, 2013.

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.
By: <u>Tim Douglas</u>
Date: <u>7/16/13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commission

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission