

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
REQUEST FOR SERVICE RIGHTS) OF AN EXCEPTION TO ASSIGNED
EXCEPTION BETWEEN NORTHWESTERN) ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY
CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN)
ENERGY AND CENTRAL ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC.) EL15-018

On May 15, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for a service rights exception between NorthWestern and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric). With this request Central Electric would provide single phase electrical service to a 10 HP motor for a drain tile pump system located within NorthWestern's territory.

On May 21, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 5, 2015, 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 June 11, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the request for an exception to the electric service territories. Finding that Central Electric's provision of single phase electrical service to a 10 HP motor for a drain tile pump system will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected at lesser cost, and promote the efficient and economical use and development of NorthWestern's and Central Electric's electric systems and that it is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the exception to NorthWestern's and Central Electric's assigned service territories. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the Consent and Agreement for Electric Service between NorthWestern and Central Electric and associated electric service territory exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of June, 2015.

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>Rolayne West</u>
Date: <u>6-12-15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner