

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 H-D)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.) EL16-028

On August 1, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for a service rights exception to allow H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. (H-D Electric) to provide single phase electrical service not to exceed 50 kVA to a new house located in the assigned territory of NorthWestern. NorthWestern's closest suitable line is located approximately 1 mile west of the point of service for the new house. H-D Electric's closest suitable line is located approximately 200 feet east of the point of service of the new house. This service exception is only for single phase electrical service not to exceed 50 kVA to the new house.

On August 4, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 19, 2016, 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 30, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the requested service rights exception. Finding that H-D Electric's provision of single phase electrical service not to exceed 50 kVA to a new house located in the assigned territory of NorthWestern will provide adequate service to the customer at a lesser cost and promote the efficient and economic use and development of both companies' electric systems, and finding that it 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 an Electric Service Rights Exception between NorthWestern and H-D Electric is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of September, 2016.

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 Lettueck</u>	
Date: <u>9/6/16</u>	
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner