

**AMENDED**  
**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**  
**For the Period of April 6, 2006 through April 13, 2006**

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL06-011 In the Matter of the Petition of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval to Provide Electrical Service for the New North Central Farmers Elevator to be Located Near Bowdle, South Dakota.**

On April 12, 2006, the Commission received a petition from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for the right to provide electrical service to a new grain handling/multi-unit train loading facility to be operated by North Central Farmers Elevator (NCFE) near Bowdle, South Dakota. The petition requests that the Public Utilities Commission assign MDU as the supplier of electrical service to the NCFE facility. The proposed NCFE facility will be located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 123 North, Range 73 West, Edmunds County, South Dakota, approximately one mile west of Bowdle, South Dakota on the north side of Highway 12. The site of the facility is within the assigned service area of FEM Electric Association, Inc. MDU's petition states that the proposed NCFE facility will require electrical service of substantially more than a contracted minimum demand of 2,000 kilowatts and that MDU is best suited to provide such electrical service.

Staff Analysts: Martin Bettmann/Nathan Solem  
Staff Attorney: Sara Greff  
Date Docketed: 04/12/06  
Intervention Deadline: 04/27/06

**EL06-012 In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy.**

On April 13, 2006, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a Joint Request for Electric Service Rights Exception for Commission approval. SVE and Xcel are seeking approval of an exception to the current electric territory agreement to allow Xcel to provide electric service to a security light for the Fraternal Order of Police. The light is to be mounted on an existing pole along the north side of Highway 38/42 in the NW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 101 North, Range 48 West, in Minnehaha County. The parties to this agreement agree that the public interest would be served by Xcel providing electric service to the light. The consent on the part of SVE

is limited to the afore said service and will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of such service. The exception is not to be construed as having any impact upon or indicating any desire to change the service area assigned by the Commission.

Staff Analysts: Nathan Solem/Martin Bettmann

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Filed: 04/13/06

Intervention Deadline: 05/04/06

## NATURAL GAS

### **NG06-003 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Prairie Ethanol Plant.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of a contract with deviations to recover costs of constructing facilities in order to provide natural gas delivery service to Prairie Ethanol, LLC located at Loomis, SD.

Staff Analysts: Nathan Solem, Dave Jacobson

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Filed: 04/11/06

Intervention Deadline: 04/28/06

### **NG06-004 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Commercial Asphalt, a Division of Spencer Quarries, Inc.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of a contract with deviations to construct facilities in order to provide expanded service to Commercial Asphalt near Mitchell, South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Nathan Solem, Dave Jacobson

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Filed: 04/13/06

Intervention Deadline: 04/19/06

## RULEMAKING

### **RM06-001 In the Matter of the Adoption of Rules Regarding Eligibility, Certification and Reporting Requirements for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.**

At its April 11, 2005, meeting, the Commission voted to open a rulemaking docket regarding eligibility, certification, and reporting requirements for telecommunications carriers requesting designation as eligible telecommunications carriers and for carriers previously designated as eligible telecommunications carriers. The hearing date and comment period will be set at a later date. Anyone wishing to receive information

concerning this docket should contact the Commission to be put on its service list for this rulemaking.

Commission Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest

Date Opened: 4/12/06

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### **TC06-028 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Golden West Technologies, Inc.**

On April 6, 2006, the Commission received a filing for the approval of a Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Golden West Technologies, Inc. According to the parties, "[t]his Agreement covers Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service which consists only of those one-way intraLATA/intrastate land-to-pager trunks." Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than April 26, 2006. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Sara B. Greff

Date Filed: 04/06/06

Initial Comments Due: 04/26/06

### **TC06-029 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and RC Communications, Inc.**

On April 6, 2006, the Commission received a filing for the approval of a Single Point of Presence (SPOP) Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and RC Communications, Inc. According to the parties, this Amendment adds terms and conditions for the Single Point of Presence. Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than April 26, 2006. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Sara B. Greff

Date Filed: 04/06/06

Initial Comments Due: 04/26/06

### **TC06-030 In the Matter of the Filing by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff and for Approval of Rates**

On April 7, 2006, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) filed switched Access Tariff No. 3 that proposes to replace in its entirety Access Tariff No. 1.

McLeodUSA states that it "has recently undertaken an overarching review of its existing access products with an eye toward simplifying those products, as well as developing rates and rate elements more consistent with its underlying network and operations. As a result of that review, McLeodUSA has streamlined its various state-specific tariffs into a regional template upon which all of its intra-state tariffs will now be based. This tariff filing effectuates those revisions."

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer  
Date Docketed: 04/07/06  
Intervention Deadline: 04/28/06

**TC06-031 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and XO Communications Services, Inc.**

On April 11, 2006, the Commission received a filing for the approval of an LNP Managed Cut Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and XO Communications Services, Inc. According to the parties, this Amendment adds terms, conditions and rates for the LNP Managed Cut Agreement. Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than May 1, 2006. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Sara B. Greff  
Date Filed: 04/11/06  
Initial Comments Due: 05/01/06

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