

AT A REGULAR SESSION of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota, held in its offices, in the City of Pierre, the Capital, this 9th day of May, 1977.

PRESENT: Commissioners Ecker, Klinkel and Fischer

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETER-)	
MINATION OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY)	ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF
BY EITHER NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC)	HEARING ON APPLICATION
SERVICE COMPANY OR NORTHERN)	<u>FOR TEMPORARY SERVICE</u>
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO SAFEGUARD))	
METALS DIVISION, SAFEGUARD)	(F-3171)
AUTOMOTIVE CORPORATION.)	

On the 17th day of March, 1977, Safeguard Metals Division of Safeguard Automotive Corporation petitioned this Commission for a determination of which electrical supplier should serve said company. Attached to said Petition was Application of Joinder entered by Northern Electric Cooperative supporting said Petition. On the 24th day of March, 1977, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene filed by Northwestern Public Service Company. On the 1st day of April, 1977, the Commission received objections to Petition to Intervene filed by Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation and Northern Electric Cooperative. Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation filed with this Commission on the 15th day of April, 1977, Application for Temporary Service. Thereafter, on the 19th day of April, 1977, the Commission received Objection to Application for Temporary Service filed by Northwestern Public Service Company. In addition, the Commission received a Motion to Take Deposition, Interrogatories, or Discovery filed by Northwestern Public Service Company on the 15th day of April, 1977.

The Commission has reviewed all such filings by Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation, Northern Electric Cooperative and Northwestern Public Service Company and finds that at this time the Commission should conduct a hearing on Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation's Application for Temporary Service. Additionally, the Commission finds that Northwestern Public Service Company's Motion to Take Depositions, Interrogatories, or Discovery will serve to expedite the resolution of Safeguard Metals Division's Petition for electrical service and is properly entered. It is therefore

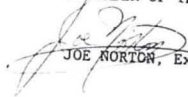
ORDERED, that a hearing on Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation's Application for Temporary Service shall be held on the 20th day of May, 1977, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., C.D.T. in the Conference Room of the Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Northwestern Public Service Company's Motion to Take Depositions, Interrogatories, or Discovery in the above-referenced proceeding be, and the same hereby is, granted and that the scope of said discovery shall be limited to the matters relevant and material to the above-entitled proceeding and the issues raised therein; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission shall by further Order establish the procedural schedule for disposition of Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation's Petition for electrical service; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all pleadings entered by Safeguard Metals Division, Safeguard Automotive Corporation, Northern Electric Cooperative, and Northwestern Public Service Company be, and the same hereby are, made a part of this Order as if set forth in full herein.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


JOE NORTON, Executive Secretary

(OFFICIAL SEAL)