

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED )  
BY MARLYS KRIETLOW, GEDDES, SOUTH ) ORDER DISMISSING  
DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHWESTERN ) COMPLAINT AND CLOSING  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR LOSS OF ) DOCKET  
POWER ) EL95-027

On September 21, 1995, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint from Marlys Krietlow (Krietlow), Geddes, South Dakota, against Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS). Complainant Krietlow states that her business equipment was damaged as a result of two separate power outages occurring on two consecutive days in the city of Geddes in July of 1995. Complainant Krietlow further states that business owners in Platte, South Dakota, were notified by NWPS that a planned outage would occur, but NWPS did not notify her prior to the outage. Complainant Krietlow is asking the Commission to order NWPS to compensate her for her losses which include repairs and replacement of equipment as well as loss of business.

At its regularly scheduled October 17, 1995 meeting, the Commission heard the complaint of Complainant Krietlow. Representatives of NWPS stated that it was not a planned outage and was unrelated to the outage in Platte.

The Commission has jurisdiction to hear complaints regarding service territories pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, ARSD 20:10:01:07.01 through 20:10:01:12 and generally Chapter 49-34A, SDCL. The commission, however, lacks jurisdiction to award damages against power companies and in particular against NWPS, therefore it is

ORDERED that this complaint be dismissed and the docket closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1995.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10-27-95</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner