

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

In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service)
by South Dakota Oilseed Processors, L.L.C. to)
Have NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its)
Electric Provider in the Service Area of)
Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.) Docket No. EL08-____

PETITION FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Comes now South Dakota Oilseed Processors, L.L.C. (“Oilseed Processors”), by and through its Chief Executive Office Mike Trosen, and Kathryn A. Ritter, its attorney, and pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56, respectfully petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) as follows:

I. **OILSEED PROCESSORS AS QUALIFYING CUSTOMER**

A. Oilseed Processors is constructing and will operate a value added agricultural processing facility (the “Facility”), at a site located in the following tract of land in Hand County, South Dakota:

NE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 15, Twp. 112, R67

B. Oilseed Processors is a new customer, seeking electrical service to a new location, which has developed since March 21, 1975, and such location is within the territorial boundaries of Dakota Energy, an REC, as such boundaries existed on March 21, 1975, all pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56.

C. Oilseed Processors’ facility will have electric service requirements with a contracted minimum demand in excess of two thousand kilowatts.

II. REQUESTED ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER

A. Oilseed Processors desires to receive electrical service from NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern Energy”), for all of its electrical needs at the facility.

B. Oilseed Processors is informed and believes that NorthWestern Energy can furnish electrical service to meet the Facility’s needs and consistent with the factors of SDCL 49-34A-56 as follows:

(1) NorthWestern Energy can meet the electrical service requirements of the load to be served;

(2) NorthWestern Energy has an adequate power supply;

(3) Serving the Facility will assist in the development and improvement of the NorthWestern Energy electric system, including economic factors relating thereto;

(4) NorthWestern Energy has adequate facilities in proximity to the Facility from which electric service of the type required may be delivered;

(5) Oilseed Processors has a strong preference to be served by NorthWestern Energy; and

(6) Other pertinent factors related to the furnishing of adequate electric service to fulfill Oilseed Processors’ requirements support the ability of NorthWestern Energy to provide such service.

C. Oilseed Processors has negotiated with NorthWestern Energy a proposed Electric Service Agreement, subject to Commission approval of this Petition, which Oilseed Processors believes will allow it to receive reliable electrical service at an economic rate and without extensive development of facilities to provide such service.

III. CONCLUSION

A. Oilseed Processors, as Petitioner, and as the owner of the Facility, hereby requests a hearing on this Petition as soon as possible to authorize Oilseed Processors to receive permanent electrical service from NorthWestern Energy.

B. Oilseed Processors also joins in support of the Joinder of NorthWestern Energy in this proceeding, which Joinder is attached to this Petition as Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Oilseed Processors requests the Commission, after notice and hearing in this matter, to assign NorthWestern Energy as the supplier of electrical service to the Facility.

Dated this 23 day of April, 2008.

OILSEED PROCESSORS, L.L.C.

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