

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling regarding the Electric Service Territory Boundary between NorthWestern Energy and Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc.	EL12-____ Affidavit of Ron Gogolin
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF BEADLE)

Ron Gogolin, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and alleges as follows:

1) I am a Specialist - Right-of-Way/Land Acquisition for NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy.

2) I am experienced in land surveying. I have worked in the field of land surveying in South Dakota for approximately fifty years, and I have extensive experience in South Dakota land surveying. Specifically, from 1963-1979, I worked as a land surveyor for Schoell & Madson, a land surveying and civil engineering firm. Since leaving Schoell & Madson in 1980 through my current position today at NorthWestern Energy, I have continued to focus on land surveying as well as related functions such as easements, permits, and record plats.

3) It has been my experience at NorthWestern Energy that, in general, the determination of service territory boundaries always happens on land lines.

4) In my opinion, land lines can be defined as a lot line, a section line, or any line dividing a section into halves, quarters, sixteenths, or thirty-seconds, etc.

5) Sometimes there are deviations from this general principle; however, if a deviation occurs, a description for that deviation is filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

6) Attached as Exhibit 1 is an Agreement between Turner Hutchinson Electric Cooperative and Northwestern Public Service Company regarding service territory in Capital Township. This is an example of deviation that was filed with the Commission. Exhibit 1 describes the electric service territory using land lines and the James River.

7) Attached as Exhibit 2 is an Agreement between Turner Hutchinson Electric Cooperative and Northwestern Public Service Company regarding electric service territory near Parkston. The electric service territory covered by the Agreement is triangular in shape and therefore deviates from a land line. The Agreement includes a metes-and-bounds description of the deviation.

8) There is no recorded deviation on file for NorthWestern Energy's electric service territory in and around the Titan Addition that the City of Watertown has annexed. Therefore, NorthWestern Energy's electric service territory extends to the nearest land line, which in this instance is the south line of Government Lots 1 and 2.

9) Because the south line of Government Lots 1 and 2 is the nearest land line, that line would be the delineating line in determining NorthWestern's electric service territory in and around the newly platted and annexed Titan Addition in Watertown, South Dakota.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

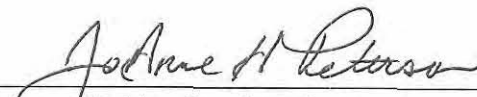
Dated at Huron, South Dakota, this 25th day of May, 2012.



Ron Gogolin

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of May, 2012.





Notary Public, South Dakota
My commission expires: 6/10/2016