BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR A DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING THE * RESISTANCE OF CODINGTON-ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY * CLARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BETWEEN NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND * CODINGTON-CLARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

TO PETITION

* EL12-040

Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc., resists the Petition of NorthWestern Energy which seeks to revise the service territory maps between NorthWestern and Codington-Clark, for the following reasons:

The assignment of service territories and the service territory maps were provided for in SL 1975, Chap. 283. Section 33 provided:

Section 33. On or before twelve months from the effective date of this Act, the commission shall, after notice and hearing, establish the assigned service area or areas of each electric utility and shall prepare or cause to be prepared a map or maps to accurately and clearly show the boundaries of the assigned service area of each electric utility. Any electric utility which feels itself aggrieved by reason of an assignment of a service area may protest such assignment within a ninety-day period after issuance of the map of the assigned service areas by the commission and the commission shall have the power, after hearing, to revise or vacate such assigned service area or portions thereof consistent with the provisions of sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of this Act.

NorthWestern's request comes twenty six years after the service area maps were drawn.

2. Codington-Clark serves a home site within the area which will be included in NorthWestern's service area, if the map is redrawn as requested by NorthWestern. The home site is within Codington-Clark's service area under the service area map as now drawn.

3. Filed herewith is the Affidavit of Dave Eide.

WHEREFORE, Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc., requests that the petition of NorthWestern Energy be denied.

Dated this Anh day of June, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Thomas F. Burns, attorney for Codington-Clark Electric
Cooperative, Inc., in the above-entitled matter, hereby certifies
that he served by mailing, by first-class mail, a true, correct
and complete copy of the foregoing and the Affidavit of Dave Eide
upon Heather H. Grahame, 208 N. Montana Avenue, Suite 205, Helena,
MT 59601, and sent the same documents by e-mail to each person on
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