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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. & NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy. – Verification of Shared Electric Service Territory Boundary and Updated Mapping Data

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This filing is submitted in regards to the ongoing efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Included as part of this filing please find:

- 1) A contract signed by the parties confirming service territory
- 2) A legal description of the shared boundary
- 3) Updated territory maps.

Commission Staff requests the Commission open a docket and approve this agreement with accompanying mapping data.

Sincerely,

Kristen Edwards