

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 Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy	EL13-004 Affidavit of Michael Sydow
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF BEADLE)

Michael Sydow, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and alleges as follows:

- 1) I am the General Manager - South Dakota and Nebraska Operations for NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern”).

- 2) I have been employed by NorthWestern and its subsidiaries since 1978 as an engineer and in management positions. I have served as the General Manager since 2001.

- 3) NorthWestern’s operations records for the Platte, South Dakota, service territory reflect extension of electrical service to a home situated within the Sunset Acres subdivision (“Sunset Acres”), with an address of 1021 South Montana, in 2008. The first permanent meter read occurred on August 13, 2008.

- 4) NorthWestern’s operations records for the Platte, South Dakota, service territory reflect extension of electrical service to additional homes in Sunset Acres, with addresses of 1027 South Montana and 1029 South Montana, in 2012. The respective first permanent meter reads of such residences occurred on August 10, 2012, and December 11, 2012.

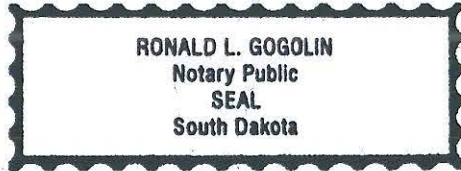
- 5) In an effort to resolve discrepancies and provide clarification, NorthWestern initiated a comprehensive internal effort to map its service territory boundaries in the late 1990’s utilizing the best available technology and South Dakota Public Utility Commission historical maps and records. Attached as *Exhibit A* are NorthWestern’s internal service territory maps for the City of Platte and the City of Geddes, both in Charles Mix County, South Dakota.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Dated at Huron, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 2013.

Michael W. Sydow
Michael Sydow

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of March, 2013.



Ronald L. Gogolin
Notary Public, South Dakota
My commission expires: 4/30/2016