

August 24, 2015

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director SD Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Territory Exception, Brule County, SD

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The purpose of this letter is to request approval from the Public Utilities Commission allowing Central Electric Cooperative (Central Electric) to provide a single phase electrical service to a new home located in the Assigned Service Territory of NorthWestern Energy, (NorthWestern) see the attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", Location Map.

This new home requires a single phase service. NorthWestern's closest power line suitable for single phase power is located 6300 feet more or less from the point of service along 361st Avenue see attached Exhibit "B" Location Map. The estimated cost for NorthWestern to provide a single phase service to the new home is **\$49,841.00**, with the customer's contribution being **\$36,160.00**. Central Electric's closest power line suitable for providing single phase power is located 200 feet more or less to the North along 250th Street, see attached Exhibit "A" and "B" Location Map. The estimated cost for Central Electric to provide a single phase service to the new home is **\$4,931.00**, with the customer's contribution being **\$729.00**.

Briann and Lisa Larson have requested (see attached letter dated August 5, 2015) that NorthWestern allow Central Electric to provide a single phase electrical service to their new house located in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) also described as Government Lot One (1), Section Two (2), Township One Hundred Three North (T103 N.) Range Sixty-eight West (R.68 W.) of the Fifth (5th) Principal Meridian, Brule County, South Dakota. Central Electric has agreed to provide a single phase electrical service to the Larson's new home, see attached Central Electric letter dated August 11, 2015. Also enclosed is a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service (sign by NorthWestern and Central Electric), 2 attached drawings Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", Location Map.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, should you have any questions or require additional information please give me a call.

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