

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY
DAKOTA PLAINS AG CENTER, LLC
TO HAVE NORTHWESTERN
ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS
ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN THE
SERVICE AREA OF BON HOMME
YANKTON ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S
RECOMMENDATION FOR
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

EL16-013

Staff offers the following proposed procedural schedule:

Answers to Discovery	14 calendar days after service
Witness Lists	May 20, 2016
Pre-hearing Conference	May 23, 2016
Final date to request depositions	May 30, 2016
Final service of Discovery	June 4, 2016
Pre-Hearing Motions	Heard during regularly scheduled June 7 meeting
Exhibit Lists	Five business days prior to hearing
Evidentiary Hearing	June 20, 2016
Post-Hearing Briefs	10 days after evidentiary hearing

Staff does not request or recommend prefiled testimony in this matter, but has no objection should the Commission prefer the parties prefile testimony. In addition, Staff's recommendation of a due date for post-hearing briefs is contingent upon the Commission determining that it does, in fact, desire post-hearing briefs.

SDCL 15-6-33(a) allows for the Commission to order a shorter or longer time than the statutory 30 days to respond to discovery. It is appropriate in this circumstance to order a shorter time to respond, as discovery is not likely to be voluminous in this proceeding. Further, it is likely that the Applicant will be the recipient of the majority of the discovery requests, and they are in agreement that, absent an unusually difficult request, two weeks is sufficient to respond.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2016.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 9th day of May, 2016, I served via electronic mail true and correct copies of **Commission Staff's Recommendation for Procedural Schedule** upon all persons listed on the service list.



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