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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: EL17-033 - In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service by Ag Processing Inc a cooperative to have NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service Area of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On August 23, NorthWestern Energy filed a *Petition to Intervene* in the above referenced matter. NorthWestern subsequently discussed this matter with Kara Semmler, attorney for Ag Processing Inc a cooperative, and Kristen Edwards, Staff Attorney for the South Dakota Public Utility Commission. It does not appear intervention is necessary, and NorthWestern accordingly withdraws its *Petition to Intervene*.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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