

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

In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service)
by Ag Processing Inc a cooperative to have)
NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its) Docket No. EL 17-____
Electric Provider in the Service Area of)
Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.)

PETITION FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Comes now Ag Processing Inc a cooperative, (“AGP”) by and through Calvin J. Meyer, its Group Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Brett Koenecke and Kara Semmler, its attorneys, and pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56, respectfully petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) as follows:

I. AGP AS QUALIFYING CUSTOMER

A. AGP has plans to operate a new soybean processing plant in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The new soybean plant (herein the “Plant”) will be at a site located in the following tract of land in Brown County, South Dakota:

The Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 123 North, Range 63 West, Brown County, South Dakota, and the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 123 North, Range 63 West, Brown County, South Dakota n/k/a Lots 1 and 2, AGP First Addition to Aberdeen, in Section 9, Township 123 North, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota.

B. AGP is a new customer, seeking electrical service to a new location, which has developed since March 21, 1975, and such location is within the territorial boundaries of Northern Electric Cooperative, an REC, as such boundaries existed on March 21, 1975, all pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56.

C. AGP negotiated an Electric Service Agreement with NorthWestern Energy, subject to Commission approval of this Petition, which AGP believes will allow it to receive reliable electrical service at an economic rate and without extensive development of facilities to provide such service. The Electric Service Agreement, attached as Confidential Exhibit A, has a contracted minimum demand in excess of two thousand kilowatts.

II. REQUESTED ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER

A. AGP desires to receive electrical service from NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (“NorthWestern Energy”), for all of its electrical needs at the Plant.

B. AGP is informed and believes that NorthWestern Energy can furnish electrical service to meet the Plant’s needs and consistent with the factors of SDCL 49-34A-56 as follows:

- (1) NorthWestern Energy can meet the electrical service requirements of the load to be served;
- (2) NorthWestern Energy has an adequate power supply;
- (3) Serving the Plant will assist in the development and improvement of the NorthWestern Energy electric system, including economic factors relating thereto;
- (4) NorthWestern Energy has adequate facilities in proximity to the Plant from which electric service of the type required may be delivered;
- (5) AGP has a strong preference to be served by NorthWestern Energy; and
- (6) Other pertinent factors related to the furnishing of adequate electric service to fulfill AGP’s requirements support the ability of NorthWestern Energy to provide such service.

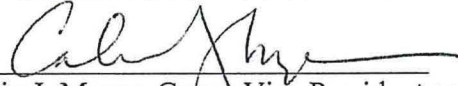
III. CONCLUSION

AGP, as Petitioner, and as the owner of the proposed Plant, hereby requests a hearing on this Petition as soon as possible to authorize AGP to receive permanent electrical service from NorthWestern Energy.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner AGP requests the Commission, after notice and hearing in this matter, to assign NorthWestern Energy as the supplier of electrical service to the Plant.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2017.

AG PROCESSING INC A COOPERATIVE

By: 
Calvin J. Meyer, Group Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer



Dated this 5 day of ~~April~~ ^{June}, 2017.



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