

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST) FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION) BETWEEN DAKOTA ENERGY) COOPERATIVE, INC. AND) NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) NORTHWESTERN ENERGY)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION EL21-021
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On July 7, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for approval of an electric service rights exception between Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Dakota Energy) and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy. The parties filed a Consent and Agreement for Electrical Service as well as the request by the landowner for the service rights exception. Dakota Energy agreed to allow Northwestern Energy to provide three-phase electric service of up to 500 kVA for a grain bin site to be located in Dakota Energy's service territory since NorthWestern Energy has existing facilities closer to the grain bin site located at:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 4, Township 112 North, Range 70W of the 5th P.M., Hand County, South Dakota.

On July 8, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 23, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 3, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of the utilities' electric system, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the requested electric service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of August 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karow E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>08/04/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner