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

RE: Territory Exception, Hand County, SD

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The purpose of this letter is to request South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approval of an exception to the territorial service boundaries pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-55. Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Dakota Energy") has agreed to allow NorthWestern Energy to provide three-phase electrical service ("Service") not to exceed 500 KVA, said Service being located in the assigned service territory of Dakota Energy. The improved site ("Site") involved with this request is being identified on attached Exhibits A & B.

Dakota Energy's closest power line suitable for Service is located approximately 8.6 miles to the West of the Site, as illustrated in Exhibit B. The estimated cost for Dakota Energy to provide Service to the Site would be approximately \$585,000 with the customer's contribution being 100% of this amount. NorthWestern Energy's closest power line suitable for providing Service is located within 5,800 feet to the South of the Site, again as illustrated in Exhibit B. There would be no cost to the customer for NorthWestern Energy to provide Service.

Mr. Nathan Munger requested that Dakota Energy allow NorthWestern Energy to provide Service to the Site per the attached correspondence. The improvements will consist of grain bins and grain handling site only. The Site lies in part of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 112 North, Range 70 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Hand County, South Dakota. NorthWestern Energy has agreed to provide Service not to exceed 500 KVA. Also enclosed is the "Consent and Agreement for Electric Service" signed by Dakota Energy and NorthWestern Energy, which becomes effective upon receipt of Commission approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please call if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Chad Felderman  
CEO/General Manager  
Dakota Energy Cooperative

Enclosure