**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

PETITION OF NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. OF BATH, SOUTH DAKOTA ("NORTHERN") and DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. OF EDGELEY, NORTH DAKOTA ("DAKOTA").

The purpose of this petition is to request approval from the Public Utilities Commission for a service rights exception and to request its consent to an agreement entered into between Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Dakota") and Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Northern") to provide single-phase service to the location listed below, owned by Finley Family Land Partnership LLP ("Partnership") of 10923 State Line Rd., Oakes, ND 58474.

Partnership owns the following described property:

N ½ of SEC 1 128N 61W Brown County South Dakota GPS Coordinates: 45.93570, -98.113362 No 911 address assigned to this location.

Partnership intends to construct and install irrigation pumps and pivot at this location and is in need of single-phase service.

In order for Northern to extend electrical service to this location from its most proximate facilities would require construction of approximately ten thousand three-hundred seventy (10,370) feet of line at a cost of \$103,666 of which \$62,220 is to be charged the Partnership under Northern's aid to construction policy.

Dakota has facilities within one thousand six-hundred sixty-three (1663) feet of the service location. Under Dakota's line construction policies they do not charge the consumer for the first 2000 feet of line construction. Under Dakota's policy the Partnership would not be required to make any payment in aid of construction costs.

The proposed site lies within the service territory of Northern Electric Cooperative. This petition requests authority for Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative to serve this site with single-phase power and to further establish that Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative will have the privilege to serve the location without any further limitations into the future. The parties to this petition hereby requests that Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative be granted a service rights exception to this location.

Attached to this petition as Exhibit A is the proposed agreement entered into between the principals. Attached as Exhibit B is a map depicting the location of the pivot site service and the nearest single-phase facilities of both Northern Electric and Dakota Valley.

This document may be executed in any number of counterparts (which may be delivered by use of a facsimile machine or an e-mail which attaches a portable document format (.pdf) document), all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument and any of the Parties hereto may execute this document by signing any such counterpart. Signature pages, originals, copies or .pdf may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned hereby requests that the Public Utilities Commission grant the foregoing petition, approve of the agreement entered into between Northern Electric and Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, and authorize a service rights exception for the purpose of allowing Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. to serve the above-described location for all electrical needs now and into the future.

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SEPARATE SIGNATURE PAGE

The undersigned hereby executes that certain PETITION by and between:

- Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and
- Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Dated this15 ^{+h} day of	September, 2021.
	NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. By: (Athi) Podoll Its:
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COUNTY OF BROWN)	
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Dated this day of _	September	_, 2021.
	DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. By:	
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