

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF  
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**PETITION OF DAKOTA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. OF HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA  
("DAKOTA") and NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. OF BATH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
("NORTHERN").**

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 Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. to provide three-phase service to a pump load center owned by Mr. Lenny Peterson of 19111 Maple Avenue, Hitchcock, South Dakota 57348.

Mr. Peterson intends to construct irrigation pump load center and is in need of three-phase service. Dakota Energy will be permitted to construct three-phase services to an irrigation pump ("Load Center") at the location described at:

A 100' diameter of Latitude of 44.641735 minutes and Longitude of -98.278678 minutes in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 114 North, Range 62 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Spink County, South Dakota.

The member consumer/landowner will be permitted to construct member owned secondary service to provide electrical service to pivots located at some distance from the Load Center but the service rights exception is granted only to the Load Center location described above. From and after approval of this Agreement by the Public Utilities Commission, Dakota Energy Cooperative will be granted the right to service the above-described Load Center and equipment located thereon.

In order for Northern to extend electrical service to the irrigation sites from its most proximate facilities would require construction of approximately 10,604 feet of line at a cost of \$137,852.00. Mr. Peterson would be required to pay Northern Electric \$95,436.00 in aid of construction.

Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. has facilities within 6,851 feet of the service location. The cost to Dakota Energy to convert a one-phase line to a three-phase line is \$68,886.00. Mr. Peterson would be required to pay \$68,886.00 in aid of construction.

The proposed site lies within the service territory of Northern Electric. This petition requests additional authority for Dakota Energy to serve this site with three-phase power and to further establish that Dakota Energy will have an unrestricted privilege to serve the location without any further limitations into the future.

Dakota Energy and Northern Electric anticipate that Dakota Energy will provide all electrical service into the future for existing and future owners and in order to avoid further expense of repeated appearance and petition before the Public Utilities Commission does hereby request that Dakota Energy be granted a service rights exception to this location without limitation or qualification.

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 proposed Peterson irrigation

sites service. Attached as Exhibit C is a map depicting the nearest three-phase facilities of both Dakota Energy and Northern Electric.

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 Dakota Energy and Northern Electric, and authorize a service rights exception for the purpose of allowing Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. to serve the above-described location for all electrical needs now and into the future and without limitation.

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