

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR )  
ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY DAKOTA TURKEY )  
GROWERS, LLC TO HAVE DAKOTA ENERGY )  
COOPERATIVE, INC. ASSIGNED AS ITS )  
ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA )  
OF NORTHWESTERN ENERGY )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

**EL04-032**

On October 18, 2004, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Dakota Turkey Growers, LLC (Dakota Turkey Growers) for approval of Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Dakota Energy) to provide its electric service. The petition requests that the Public Utilities Commission assign Dakota Energy as the supplier of electrical service to the Dakota Turkey Growers facility. Dakota Turkey Growers is constructing and will operate a turkey processing plant at a site located in the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 110 North, Range 6 West, in Beadle County, South Dakota, approximately one and one-half miles east of Huron, South Dakota, on the south side of Highway 14. The site of the facility is within the assigned service area of NorthWestern Energy. Dakota Turkey Growers will require electrical service of substantially more than a contracted minimum demand of 2,000 kilowatts, and will enter into a contract for such electrical service.

On October 21, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 5, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. On November 3, 2004, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-42, 49-34A-56 and 49-34A-58.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 30, 2004, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of NorthWestern is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/13/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner