

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR)
ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY SOUTH DAKOTA)
OILSEED PROCESSORS, L.L.C. TO HAVE)
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS)
ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA)
OF DAKOTA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

EL08-011

On April 25, 2008, the Commission received a petition from South Dakota Oilseed Processors, L.L.C. ("Oilseed Processors") to have NorthWestern Energy (NWE) assigned as its electric provider in the service territory of Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Dakota Energy). Oilseed Processors states it is a new customer in a new location in Hand County, South Dakota, that will have a contracted minimum demand in excess of 2,000 kilowatts and requests to be served electricity by NorthWestern Energy pursuant to SDCL49-34A-56.

On May 1, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 16, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. On May 14, 2008, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Dakota Energy.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of May 20, 2008, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of May, 2008.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>5/29/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner