

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR AN</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY</b>	)	<b>APPROVAL OF AN</b>
<b>BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN</b>	)	<b>AMENDMENT TO CORRECT</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION AND</b>	)	<b>AN ELECTRIC SERVICE</b>
<b>CLAY-UNION ELECTRIC CORPORATION</b>	)	<b>TERRITORY BOUNDARY</b>
	)	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
	)	

**EL11-021**

On July 6, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change (Joint Request) from NorthWestern Corporation (NorthWestern) and Clay-Union Electric Corporation (Clay-Union). The Joint Request seeks approval to amend the existing territorial agreement, dated October 24, 1973. The parties stated the proposed amended territory exchange will correct a discrepancy in the existing territorial agreement. The discrepancy will be resolved through an updated legal description and territory map reflecting actual service territories served, which have been included in the parties Joint Request.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 9, 2011, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-44, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the amended boundary changes will be changed to conform to territory actually served by NorthWestern and Clay-Union. The Commission concludes that the changes in the amended service territory boundaries are in the public interest and shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the request seeking approval of the agreement amending the electric service territory boundary description between NorthWestern Corporation and Clay-Union Electric Corporation is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

<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, electronically.
By: <u>Tina Douglas</u>
Date: <u>8-12-11</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Vice Chairman