

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST) FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION) BETWEEN NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION) DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND) CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION EL18-035
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On August 7, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric). The homeowner requested Central Electric be allowed to provide electric service not to exceed 50 kVA to a new home within the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 102 North, Range 60 West, 5th Principle Meridian, Davison County, located in NorthWestern's territory.

On August 9, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 21, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 22, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the requested service rights exception. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of NorthWestern and Central Electric's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the Consent and Agreement for Electric Service is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of August 2018.

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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>8/27/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner