

**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  EL19-042
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On December 12, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Approval and a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (Northwestern) and Central Electric Cooperative Inc. (Central) to allow Central to provide single-phase electric service not to exceed 50 KVA to a property within the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 9, Township 101 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Davison County, located in NorthWestern's territory.

On December 19, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 3, 2020, 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 January 7, 2020, 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'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 electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

<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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Detwuelle</u>
Date: <u>1/10/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner