

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR) ORDER GRANTING
SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN) APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION DBA) SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND H-D)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.) EL20-011**

On March 5, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing requesting approval of a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. (H-D Electric) to allow H-D Electric to provide single-phase electrical service to a streetlight located approximately 50 feet east and 75 feet south of the northwest corner of Government Lot 1 of Section 5 in Township 116 North, Range 50 West, 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota, located in NorthWestern's territory. The main purpose of the streetlight is to improve safety at an intersection by increasing visibility. The property owner is supportive of the filing.

On March 12, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 27, 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 March 31, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. 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 H-D 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 requested electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of April 2020.

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>Karen E. Cromer</u>
Date: April 2, 2020
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner