

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR) SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN) SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,) INC. AND NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION) DBA NORTHWESTERN ENERGY) | ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION EL20-030 |
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On October 27, 2020, the Commission received a joint request from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (Northwestern) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) seeking to allow NorthWestern Energy to provide electric service to a proposed hog confinement facility located in the assigned service territory of Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

On October 29, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 10, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On November 5, 2020, the Commission transmitted notice of the updated intervention deadline of November 5, 2020. 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 November 12, 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 Southeastern, 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 16th day of November 2020.

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| 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 Detwiler</u> |
| Date: <u>11/16/20</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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| <u><i>Gary Hanson</i></u> GARY HANSON, Chairman |
| <u><i>Chris Nelson</i></u> CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner |
| <u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u> KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner |