

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY AG
PROCESSING INC A COOPERATIVE
TO HAVE NORTHWESTERN ENERGY
ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC
PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA
OF NORTHERN ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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**NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy ("*NorthWestern*") hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("*Commission*") for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-17.1, ARSD § 20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:01:15.03.

In support hereof, NorthWestern states as follows:

1. Ag Processing Inc a cooperative ("*AGP*") plans to construct a new soybean processing plant (the "*Facility*") in Brown County, South Dakota. AGP is a new customer, seeking electrical service at a new location, and the site is within the service territory of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

2. On August 4, 2017, AGP filed a Petition for Electrical Service (the "*Petition*") pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-56, in which it requested the Commission assign NorthWestern as the supplier of electrical service to the Facility.

3. On August 7, 2017, the Commission noticed filing of the Petition on its Weekly Filings and established an intervention deadline of August 25, 2017.

4. On August 2, 2017, NorthWestern and AGP executed an Electric Distribution Service Agreement ("*Agreement*").

5. NorthWestern's pecuniary interests will be directly and immediately affected

by the Commission's decision on the Petition. NorthWestern desires to intervene in this matter to provide information regarding its ability to provide electric service to the Facility.

6. In addition to customer preference, NorthWestern believes it is best situated to provide electrical service to AGP pursuant to the criteria established by SDCL §49-34A-56.

7. Based on the foregoing, NorthWestern is an interested party in this matter entitled to intervening party status.

WHEREFORE, NorthWestern requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and allow NorthWestern to be granted party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2017.

**NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I the undersigned hereby certify that on the 23rd day of August, 2017, true and correct copies of the foregoing, NORTHWESTERN'S PETITION TO INTERVENE, was served upon the following by electronic mail:

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