



April 25, 2019

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Territory Exception, Beadle County, SD

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The purpose of this letter is to request South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approval of an exception to the territorial service boundaries pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-55. NorthWestern Corporation doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NorthWestern") has agreed to allow Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Dakota Energy") to provide a single-phase electrical service ("Service") not to exceed 50 KVA, said Service being located in the assigned service territory of NorthWestern. The improved site ("Site") involved with this request is identified on attached Exhibits A, B and C.

NorthWestern's closest power line suitable for Service is located over 5,700 linear feet to the southeast of the Site, as illustrated in Exhibit C. The estimated cost for NorthWestern to provide Service to the Site would be approximately \$46,000 with the customer's contribution being 100% of this amount. Dakota Energy's closest power line suitable for providing Service is located within 650 feet to the west of the Site, again as illustrated in Exhibit C. There would be no cost to the customer for Dakota Energy to provide Service.

Mr. Ben Wipf requested that NorthWestern allow Dakota Energy to provide Service to the Site per the attached correspondence. The improvements will consist of a mixed-use building with a residence and shop. The address will be 1695 15th Street, Huron, SD 57350. The Site lies in part of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 26, Township 111 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Beadle County, South Dakota, to be platted as Langbehn Outlot 1 in the Southeast ¼ of Section 26, Township 111 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Beadle County, South Dakota. Dakota Energy has agreed to provide Service not to exceed 50 KVA. Also enclosed is the "Consent and Agreement for Electric Service" signed by NorthWestern and Dakota Energy, which becomes effective upon receipt of Commission approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please call if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure