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Northwestern Energy
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RE: service release

Greeting:

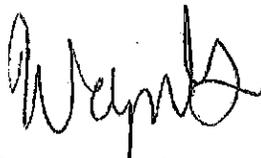
I am building a new bin at 7-100 N- 60 W in Hutchinson County. I would like to request a release from the agreement between Northwestern and Central Electric to add a meter for single phase service for up to 70 hp. The bin is being built 10 feet from the current Central Electric line which needs to be buried to meet code requirements. The foundation is already poured on the bin and contractor is waiting to erect the bin.

The reason for the release request is that it makes no sense financially to request service from Northwestern.

1. Central Electric's estimate to me is \$5204.74 to move the line vs about \$600.00 if they set a new service for the bin.
2. Northwestern has to bury about 3/8 of a mile to get service to me and they have quoted me, no cost to set the service. It has been discussed about go to three phase down the road. I would like to have 3 phase on the bin site for future expansion but \$27000.00 to get 3 phase today is cost prohibitive for what service is need now.

Please act on the quickly as I am caught in the middle of this PUC ruling.

Thank you,



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