

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

In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service )  
by Dakota Plains Ag Center, LLC to have )  
NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its ) Docket No. EL16-013  
Electric Provider in the Service Area of )  
BonHomme – Yankton Electric )

**DAKOTA PLAINS AG CENTER, LLC'S  
STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS**

1. Napa Junction is a combination grain elevator and rail handling facility, and Dakota Plains is a new customer at a new location here.
2. The legal description of the Dakota Plains facility is “The South ½ of Section 21, Township 94, Range 56 West, Yankton County, South Dakota”. The east ½ of Section 21 is in NorthWestern territory, and the west ½ of Section 21 is in Bon Homme – Yankton Electric territory. No electric service has been established to this location. It was bare ground before construction started in 2016.
3. Dakota Plains has entered into a contract with NorthWestern which requires NorthWestern to serve the demand at this location and for Dakota Plains to purchase 15,970 megawatt hours of electricity from NorthWestern Energy. See Attachment A.
4. The facility has a designed electric usage and demand of more than 2 megawatts of electricity when all facilities are in operation.
5. When all facilities are operating at the same time, the usage of the customer at this location will be approximately 2.280 megawatts.
6. The design of the facility requires NorthWestern Energy to provide 2.280 megawatts of power on demand from the customer.
7. NorthWestern Energy has sufficient facilities in proximity to the location to provide its electrical service at a construction cost of approximately \$600,000.
8. Bon Homme – Yankton has electric facilities in the area which would require a duplication of services (construction of a new substation) and would result in a construction cost to serve the location of approximately \$1.7 million dollars.

9. The construction costs, cost of electricity, and reliability, have resulted in Dakota Plains choosing NorthWestern to provide the electrical service to the location.

10. NorthWestern has an adequate power supply to serve Dakota Plains.

Dated this 27 day of May, 2016

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