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William Bullard, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr Bullard

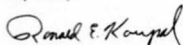
Recently Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc., of Tabor, SD (BYEA) and Turner Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (THEC) received a request for electric service for Mr. Lydell Thomas of Menno, SD. His request for service is approximately 700 feet into Yankton County at the specific location noted on the attached form. That location is BYEA service territory as established in our Territorial Agreement with BYEA signed on December 23, 1975.

Upon reviewing this service request BYEA noted that they would have over 1 mile of line to build through some rough, hilly country that does not have any maintained roads to get to Mr. Thomas' location. An alternate option for BYEA was to release this service and allow THEC to provide electric service to Mr Thomas' new house. The alternate option proved to be the most acceptable to all parties due to the fact that THEC was within a couple thousand feet of this location. Upon review of this option with Mr. Thomas he indicated that he had no problem with this transfer.

We are forwarding a copy entitled "Exception to Service on Assigned Areas" signed by both BYEA and THEC indicating our agreement on providing service to this location. We believe that this exception meets the factors as outlined in SDCL 49-34A-55. As a result of the agreed upon exception by both utilities and most importantly the consumer, Mr. Thomas, we would like to request formal approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on this matter. Given the fact that all parties are in agreement we can not foresee any difficulties and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

If you would have any questions about this exception or the materials provided with this letter please feel free to give one of us a call.

Respectfully,



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Tabor, SD 57063-0158



Bradley J. Schardin, Manager  
Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
PO Box 388  
Marion, SD 57043-0388

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EXCEPTION TO SERVICE ON ASSIGNED AREAS

As Agreed to Between

Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc  
Box 158  
Tabor, South Dakota 57063

and

Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc  
Box 388  
Marion, South Dakota 57043

Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc. has assigned territorial rights to provide electric service to Section 1, Range 57, Township 96, NW quarter, Yankton County

Under the conditions of this agreement, Bon Homme-Yankton Electric does hereby consent that Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc may extend its facilities into the above described service area of Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc to provide electric service for a residence

This release is specifically limited to said residence for the life of the structure.

This consent is not to be construed as having any impact upon or indicating a desire to change the service areas assigned by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. This agreement becomes effective upon its approval by the Public Utilities Commission

The foregoing is hereby made this 18th day of June, 1997

Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc

By Ronald E. Karpal  
Its Manager

We have reviewed the consent of Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc for the undersigned to provide electric service under the provisions set forth therein and hereby indicate our concurrence with the consent granted to provide said residence with the required electric service

Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc

By Brad Schardin  
Its Manager

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BON )	ORDER GRANTING
HOMME-YANKTON ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, )	APPROVAL OF
INC. AND TURNER-HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC )	ASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF )	SERVICE
ASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SERVICE )	EL97-015

On July 21, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Bon Homme-Yankton Electric Association, Inc. (Bon Homme) and Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Turner-Hutchinson) for assignment of electric service. The companies received a request for electric service from Mr. Lydell Thomas of Menno, SD. His request for service is approximately 700 feet into Yankton County. That location is Bon Homme service territory. The companies have filed an "Exception To Service On Assigned Areas" which is signed by both Bon Homme and Turner-Hutchinson. The agreement allows Turner-Hutchinson to provide electric service to Mr. Thomas' residence for the life of the structure.

The description of the location to be served by Turner-Hutchinson is:

Section 1, Range 57, Township 96, Northwest Quarter, Yankton County.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 29, 1997, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the agreement.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the transfer of service rights is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of the assignment of service rights is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1997.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By	<u>Alfred Kato</u>
Date	<u>8/4/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner