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Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Executive Director:

Enclosed for filing please find an original copy of an executed "Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Modification" between Xcel Energy and Central Electric Cooperative.

This agreement seeks an exception to our existing service territories near Carthage, SD in order to provide for an efficient electrical connection to a wind turbine. The agreement specifies the legal description of the location.

The wind turbine is being constructed by Energy Maintenance Services (EMS) of Gary, SD for the City of Carthage, SD. The wind turbine is located within the Central Coop service territory, but because of proximity will be better connected to the Xcel Energy power system nearby.

The accompanying drawing provides additional graphical detail to this request. Xcel Energy respectfully requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approve this agreement.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,



Jim Wilcox

c. Scott Kroger, Central Coop  
Steve Scott, EMS

## Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Modification

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy") and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Electric") of Mitchell, SD request a modification of their electric boundaries, as follows:

1. Pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-55 adjacent utilities are allowed to exchange assigned service areas.
2. The City of Carthage, South Dakota is contracting for the construction of a 90 kW wind turbine, which the city will own and operate. The location of that wind machine is approximately one mile west of Carthage in what is locally known as the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.
3. This area is presently located within the assigned service territory of Central Electric.
4. The City of Carthage desires that Xcel Energy connect to this 90 kW wind turbine and accept the electrical output from it through its small qualifying facility tariff on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). Central Electric agrees that the city's request should be implemented.
5. The parties to this agreement realize that this is a unique circumstance. The parties further agree that to make this exchange will promote the efficient and economical use of their respective electric systems. Therefore, the parties agree (1) to make this unique territory exchange and (2) that this boundary modification does not establish a precedent for future wind development or territory exceptions. Finally, it is agreed that this agreement does not modify any other territorial agreement, which might exist between the parties.
6. The area to be transferred from Central Electric to Xcel Energy is described as the wind tower and its associated facilities located approximately 1 Mile West of Carthage and 159 Feet North of 222<sup>nd</sup> Avenue residing in the SW ¼ of Section 12 of Red Stone Township T108N R58W in Miner County, South Dakota, together with a line to connect with Xcel's system. Xcel shall have such access as may be necessary to clear, install service and repair all facilities contemplated by this agreement. The foregoing description is depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A to this agreement.
7. This agreement may be modified by agreement of the parties or by action of the Commission. This paragraph does not prevent either party from advocating any position it deems appropriate under the circumstances at any future date, both before the Commission and upon judicial review thereafter.

This agreement is conditioned upon the approval of the Commission, and if it is not approved it shall be void ab initio.

Xcel Energy

Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.

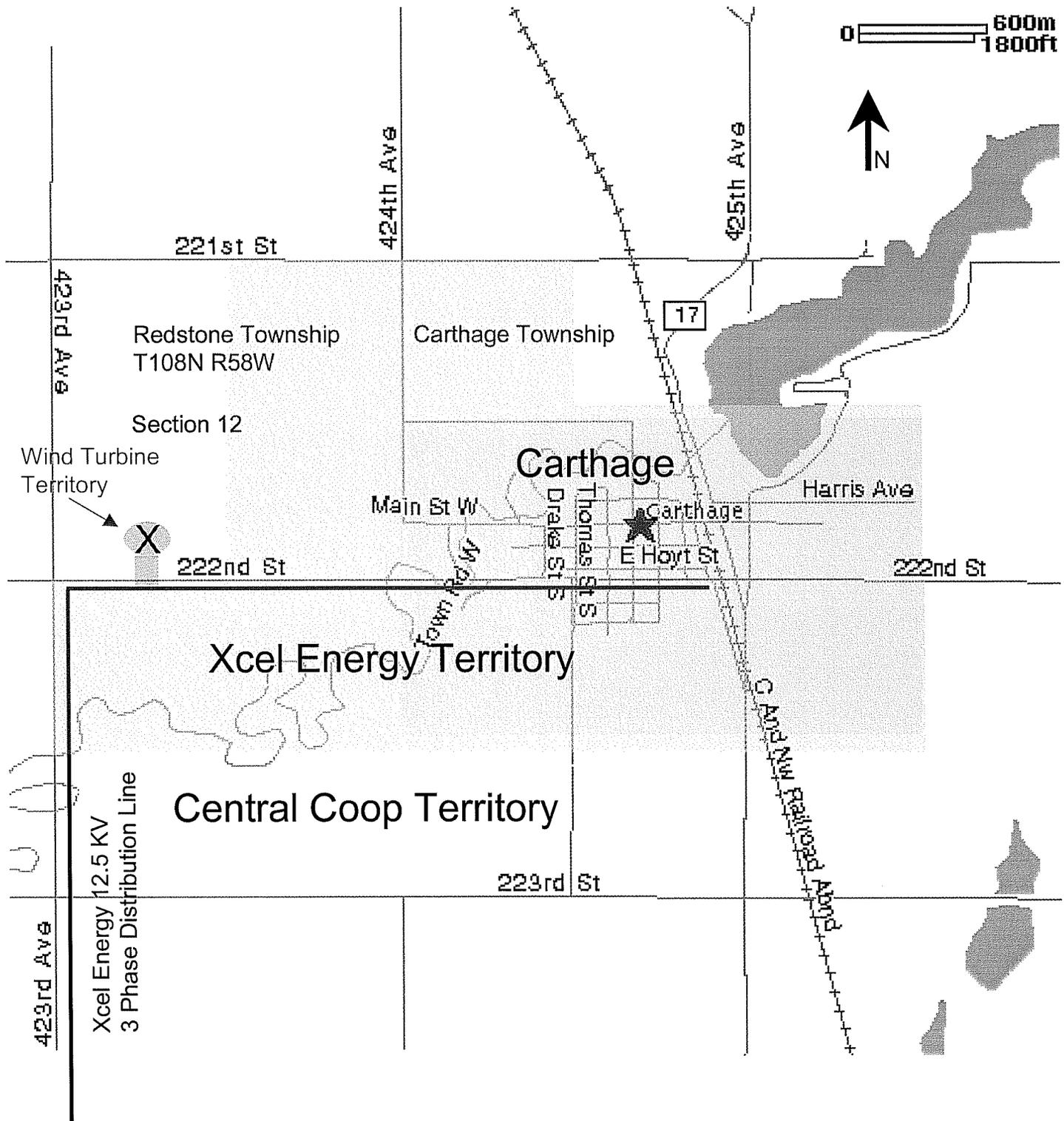
BY:   
Jim Wilcox  
Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager

BY:   
Scott Kroger  
Assistant General Manager

Date: 1-06-2003

Date: 1-02-2003

# Electric Service Territory Boundaries NW Miner County, South Dakota



**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**

**WEEKLY FILINGS**

**For the Period of January 2, 2003 through January 8, 2003**

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL03-001 In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Xcel Energy and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

On January 8, 2003, Xcel Energy and Central Electric Cooperative filed a "Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Modification." This agreement seeks an exception to the existing service territory near Carthage, South Dakota. The area to be transferred from Central Electric to Xcel Energy is described as the wind tower and its associated facilities located approximately one mile West of Carthage and 159 feet North of 222nd Avenue residing in the SW 1/4 of Section 12 of Red Stone Township T108N R58W in Miner County, South Dakota, together with a line to connect with Xcel's system.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 01/08/03  
Intervention Deadline: 01/24/03

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC02-164 In the Matter of the Application of NobelTel, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.**

On January 3, 2003, the Commission approved a Certificate of Authority for NobelTel, LLC to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota with restrictions from offering prepaid calling cards or accepting customer deposits or advance payments. On January 8, 2003, the Commission received a request from NobelTel, LLC for removal of those restrictions.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Request Date: 01/08/03  
Intervention Deadline: 01/24/03

**TC03-001 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation and VP Telecom, Inc. (Third Revision - First Amended).**

On January 7, 2003, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services Provided by Qwest Corporation in the State of South Dakota to VP Telecom (Third Revision - First Amended - November 15, 2002). According to the parties, the Agreement is a negotiated agreement which sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which Qwest will offer and provide to any requesting CLEC network interconnection, access to unbundled network elements, ancillary services and telecommunications services available for resale within the geographical areas in which Qwest is providing local exchange service at that time and for which Qwest is the incumbent local exchange carrier within the State of South Dakota for purposes of providing local telecommunications services. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than January 27, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier

Date Docketed: 01/07/03

Initial Comments Due: 01/27/03

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST	)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS	)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN XCEL ENERGY AND	)	EXCEPTION TO THE
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
	)	SERVICE TERRITORY
	)	EL03-001

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 20, 2003, the Commission considered the matter. Jim Wilcox, representative of Xcel, stated that Xcel agreed to make this exchange with the understanding that such action did not establish a precedent for future wind development or territory exceptions. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

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 an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

<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><i>Helaine Kolbe</i></u>
Date: <u>3/10/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner