

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF WEST)	ORDER AMENDING
RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR A)	BRIEFING SCHEDULE
DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING)	
SERVICE TERRITORY RIGHTS CONCERNING)	EL02-003
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. AND WEST)	
RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.)	

On February 21, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Declaratory Ruling from West River Electric Association, Inc. ("WREA"). On April 4, 2002, the Commission granted Black Hills Power, Inc.'s (BHP) motion to intervene. On May 22, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., the Commission held a hearing on the Petition. On May 31, 2002, the Commission issued an Order Setting Briefing Schedule as follows:

WREA Original Brief	20 days following WREA's receipt of transcript
BHP and Staff	10 days after receipt of WREA's Brief
WREA Reply Brief	5 days after receipt of BHP's and Staff's Briefs

WREA filed its Brief on June 25, 2002. Based upon a scheduling conflict, Staff has requested a ten (10) day extension of the dates for Staff's and BHP's Response Briefs and WREA's Reply Brief. WREA and BHP have agreed to such 10-day extension.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Briefs of Staff and BHP in this matter will be due on or before July 15, 2002, and that the Reply Brief of WREA will be due on or before July 22, 2002.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of June, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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>Melaine Kelso</u>
Date: <u>6/28/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner