

**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 THE CITY OF PIERRE)	EXCEPTION TO THE
AND OaHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL04-011

On April 1, 2004, the City of Pierre (City) and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Oahe Electric) filed a joint request for approval of a service rights exception for service to an outdoor sign located adjacent to Highways 14 and 83. The sign is located in Oahe Electric's service territory, but the City has services closer to the sign. Both companies agree the service rights exception will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric system.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 11, 2004, the Commission considered the matter. 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 City may provide electrical service to the outdoor sign located on the above described property as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of City and Oahe Electric. 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 13th day of May, 2004.

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 Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>5/18/04</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner