

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN BLACK HILLS POWER, INC., AND BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.</p>	<p>))))))</p>	<p>ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGES</p> <p align="center">EL13-005</p>
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On February 15, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Request for a Service Territory Boundary Change (Joint Request) between Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BHE). The proposed change will allow BHP and BHE to better follow section lines and property boundaries for future development and is located near the intersections of Highway 16 and Catron Boulevard in and to the south of Rapid City in Pennington County. The proposed exchange will require the transfer of service to one residential customer and the customer's water well from BHE to BHP, to which the customer has consented. The revised boundary segment is graphically depicted in both the territory map attached to the Joint Request and Staff Exhibit. The legal description of the proposed new boundary is as follows:

1. Beginning at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 27 of Township 1 North (T1N), Range 7 East (R7E),
2. Thence continue east to the NW corner of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 26 of T1N, R7E,
3. Thence continue south to the NW corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 35 of T1N, R7E,
4. Thence continue west intersecting territory boundary at the centerline of US Highway 16.

On January 24, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 8, 2013, to interested persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March, 12, 2013, the Commission considered the Joint Request. Commission Staff recommended approval. Finding the requested changes to the service territory boundary to be in the public interest under the standards set forth in SDCL 49-34A-55, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Request and approve the above described territory boundary change. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of electric service territory boundary changes between BHP and BHE is hereby granted and the boundary changes as described above are approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of March, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
<p>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, electronically.</p>	
By:	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
Date:	<u>3.14.13</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
GARY HANSON, Chairman
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner