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

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Agreement Jointly Submitted by
Black Hills Power and Black Hill Electric Cooperative

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Black Hills Power (BHP) and Black Hills Electric Cooperative (BHEC) submit this joint request to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of the relocation of an electric service territory line located in Sections 22, 26, and 27, Township 10S, Range 4E, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota. The reasons for the request are as follows:

- Prior to 2000, this remote service territory was being served by BHP via a radial distribution line. During a major winter storm in the year 2000, those BHP facilities were severely damaged by snow, ice, and high winds. The result - - several miles of poles, hardware, and conductor came down.
- Because of the close proximity to BHEC distribution facilities, and the small number of customers impacted, BHP authorized BHEC to reconnect 1.75 miles of BHP distribution line to BHEC facilities. At that time, those impacted customers began receiving service from BHEC. Because of the extent of rebuilding that would have been necessary by BHP to continue serving this area on a permanent basis, both BHP and BHEC agreed that both the customers' and companies interests would be best served to continue having BHEC provide service to this area on a permanent basis.
- BHP and BHEC believe that this arrangement results in an overall electric system that avoids unnecessary duplication of facilities and helps minimize operational challenges.

Stuart Wevik, BHP Vice President and General Manager, and Dan Hutt, BHEC General Manager and Executive Vice President, are jointly submitting this request for the Commission to consider relocation of the electric service territory line in the affected area. Also, all affected property owners concur with the recommendation as proposed. Letters of concurrence from all are attached.

We have attached the following information for your review:

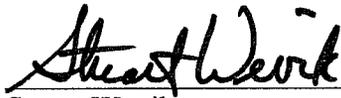
- A map of the area which depicts existing electric service territory line, proposed electric service territory line, BHP distribution facilities, BHEC distribution facilities, and location of existing electrical accounts.
- Letters of consent from the property owners who would be affected by the proposed relocation of the electric service territory line.

The legal description of the proposed electric service territory line is as follows (all in Township 10S, Range 4E, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota:

Beginning at the northwestern corner of Section 27; then bear south along the western boundary of Section 27 to the southwestern corner of Section 27; then bear east along the southern boundary of Section 27; then continue to bear east for ½ mile along the southern boundary of Section 26.

If you require additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Stuart Wevik
Vice President & General Manager
Black Hills Power



Dan Hutt
General Manager & Executive Vice President
Black Hills Electric Cooperative

7/22/03
Date

7/22/03
Date

May 15, 2003

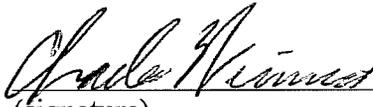
Stuart Wevik
Black Hills Power
PO Box 1400
Rapid City, SD 57709

Dear Mr. Wevik,

I hereby give consent for the transfer of the following property from the service territory of Black Hills Power to the service territory of Black Hills Electric Cooperative:

Legal Description

S1/2 S1/2 Section 22, S1/2 NW1/4 Section 26, SW1/4 NE1/4 Section 26, E1/2 SW1/4 Section 26, W1/2 SE1/4 Section 26, Section 27 minus the E1/2 SE1/4, all located in Township 10S, Range 4E, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota.



(signature)



(date)

Weinreis Brothers Partnership
PO Box 367
Minatare, NE 69356

cc: Dan Hutt
Black Hills Electric Cooperative

May 15, 2003

Stuart Wevik
Black Hills Power
PO Box 1400
Rapid City, SD 57709

Dear Mr. Wevik,

I hereby give consent for the transfer of the following property from the service territory of Black Hills Power to the service territory of Black Hills Electric Cooperative:

Legal Description

W1/2 SW1/4 Section 26, E1/2 SE1/4 Section 27, Township 10S, Range 4E, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota.



(signature)

5-16-03

(date)

John Hollmann
HC 52 Box 108F
Hot Springs, SD 57747

cc: Dan Hutt
Black Hills Electric Cooperative

**BHP POWER LINE
TRANSFERRED TO
BHEC APRIL 2000**

21

**EXISTING BHEC
POWER LINES**

24



28

**PROPOSED
TERRITORY
LINE**

33

CUSTOMER

27

23

26

25

CUSTOMER

**EXISTING
TERRITORY
LINE**

36

34

35

**T10S
R4E
T11S
R4E**

**BHEC
SERVICE
TERRITORY**

1

**BHP
SERVICE
TERRITORY**

2

4

3

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**BHP LINE
RETIRED APRIL 2000**

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EXHIBIT "A"

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of July 17, 2003 through July 23, 2003

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3705

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT03-119 **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Vicky Graves, Mitchell, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant represents that she purchased a six-year prepaid long distance service plan. After two years and seven months, service was terminated without notice. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/21/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

ELECTRIC

EL03-023 **In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Black Hills Power and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Black Hills Power and Black Hills Electric Cooperative submitted a joint request to the Commission for approval of the relocation of an electric service territory line located in Sections 22, 26, and 27, Township 10S, Range 4E, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota. The proposed electric service territory line is as follows: beginning at the northwestern corner of Section 27; then bear south along the western boundary of Section 27 to the southwestern corner of section 27; then bear east along the southern boundary of Section 27; then continue to bear east for 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 26.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/23/03
Intervention Deadline: 08/08/03

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-115 **In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc.**

On July 17, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. According to the parties, the amendment is made in order to add the terms, conditions and rates for CMDS hosting and message distribution as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, as attached to the Amendment. 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 August 6, 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: 07/17/03
Initial Comments Due: 08/06/03

TC03-116 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.

On July 23, 2003, the Commission received a filing for Approval of a Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. According to the parties, the PAP as approved by the Commission and the Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDS) are included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively, to the filing. The PIDS, as filed, was originally Exhibit B to the Commission approved SGAT. The original Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Commission on January 6, 1999, in Docket TC98-025. 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 August 12, 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: 07/23/03
Initial Comments Due: 08/12/03

TC03-117 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to a Paging Connection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Page Data.

On July 23, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to a Paging Connection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Page Data. According to the parties, the Amendment is made in order to include the addition of Single Point of Presence (SPOP), as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached to the Amendment. The original Agreement was approved by the Commission on March 7, 2003, in Docket TC03-042. 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 August 12, 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: 07/23/03
Initial Comments Due: 08/12/03

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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 TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN BLACK)	SERVICE TERRITORY
HILLS POWER AND BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC)	AGREEMENT
COOPERATIVE, INC.)	EL03-023

On July 23, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Black Hills Power (BHP) and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BHEC) for approval of the relocation of an electric service territory line located in Sections 22, 26, and 27, Township 10S, Range 4E, Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County, South Dakota. The proposed electric service territory line is as follows: beginning at the northwestern corner of Section 27; then bear south along the western boundary of Section 27 to the southwestern corner of section 27; then bear east along the southern boundary of Section 27; then continue to bear east for 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 26. Weinreis Brothers Partnership and John Hollmann, the current property owners, are in agreement with the change.

On August 19, 2003, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. 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-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the boundary change will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and help minimize operational challenges. The Commission concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between BHP and BHEC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of August, 2003.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u><i>8/29/03</i></u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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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