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Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
SD Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**Re: Joint Request for Approval of Electric Service Territory Transfer by Black Hills Power and Black Hills Electric Cooperative**

Dear Patricia:

Black Hills Power (BHP) and Black Hills Electric Cooperative (BHEC) respectfully submit this joint request to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of a Service Territory Trade. This request will allow BHP and BHEC to adjust the existing boundary to better follow section lines and property boundaries for future development. The territory for consideration is located near the intersections of Highway 16 and Catron Boulevard in Rapid City, and is referenced on the attached map.

The proposed trade will require the transfer of one (1) residential customer, and one (1) small water well owned by the same customer, to be transferred from BHEC to BHP. Attached is a signed letter of consent from the customer impacted by this trade. As referenced, we have met with this customer, and the customer has no issues with the trade and change of service providers. Minimal new infrastructure is required to transfer this account, and there will be minimal service interruption to complete the transfer.

Please find attached, the letter of consent from the customer impacted, and the map indicating existing and proposed territory boundaries. We are respectfully asking for PUC approval by March 11 if possible. If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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