

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION)
BETWEEN BLACK HILLS POWER AND)
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC.)**

**ORDER GRANTING)
APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC)
SERVICE TERRITORY)
EXCEPTION AGREEMENT)**

EL14-005

On January 9, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Black Hills Power (BHP) regarding an Electric Service Territory Exception Agreement between Black Hills Power and Black Hills Electric Cooperative (BHEC). The proposed exception to the existing service territory boundary will permit BHP to provide service to a shop located in BHEC's assigned service territory. BHP currently provides power to a house in the same location.

On January 16, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 24, 2014, to interested individuals and entities 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-42, 49-34A-43 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the exception agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the Electric Service Territory Exception Agreement between Black Hills Power and Black Hills Electric Cooperative is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of February, 2014.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>2.21.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner