

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION)
BETWEEN H-D ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC. AND ESTELLINE MUNICIPAL UTILITY)
)
)

**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION
TO ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY**

EL15-035

On September 28, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request for a service rights exception between Estelline Municipal Utility (EMU) and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. (H-D Electric), so that H-D Electric can provide three-phase electric service to a new grain storage facility located in the assigned service territory of EMU. EMU does not have a three-phase line close to the point of desired service. This service exception is only for the three phase service to the site.

On October 1, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 16, 2015, 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 October 29, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that H-D Electric's provision of a three phase electric service to the customer will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected at lesser cost, and promote the efficient and economical use and development of EMU's and H-D Electric's electric systems and that it is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the exception to EMU's and H-D Electric's assigned service territories. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of an exception to the assigned service territories of EMU and H-D Electric is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of November, 2015.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>11/02/2015</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner