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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Meeting
January 6, 2015, at 9:30 A.M. CST
Room 413, Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota

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AGENDA OF COMMISSION MEETING

Consumer Reports

1. **Status Report on Consumer Utility Inquiries and Complaints Received by the Commission (Consumer Affairs: Deb Gregg)**

Electric

1. **EL14-094 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)**

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

2. **EL14-095 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy and Otter Tail Power Company (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)**

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric

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territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

3. EL14-096 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

4. EL14-097 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between White Municipal Electric and Otter Tail Power Company (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and White Municipal Electric. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

5. EL14-098 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Big Stone City Municipal Electric and Otter Tail Power Company (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Big Stone City Municipal Electric and Otter Tail Power Company. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

6. EL14-099 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory

**Boundary Agreement between Badger Municipal Electric and Otter Tail Power Company
(Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)**

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Badger Municipal Electric and Otter Tail Power Company. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

7. EL14-100 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

8. EL14-101 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Clay-Union Electric Cooperative and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Clay-Union Electric Cooperative and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

9. EL14-102 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 2, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS)

database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

10. EL14-103 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. fka Spink Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 5, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. fka Spink Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

11. EL14-104 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and Lake Region Electric Association Inc. (Staff Analyst: David Henry; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 8, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and Lake Region Electric Association Inc. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

12. EL14-105 In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Clay-Union Electric Cooperative and Vermillion Light and Power (Staff Analyst: David Henry Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On December 8, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Clay-Union Electric Cooperative and Vermillion Light and Power. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

TODAY, shall the Commission approve the proposed electric service territory boundary agreement?

13. EL14-106 In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Authority to Increase Its Electric Rates (Staff Analysts: Brittany Mehlhaff, Patrick Steffensen, Eric Paulson, Joseph Rezac; Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer)

On December 19, 2014, the Commission received an application by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for approval to increase rates for electric service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$26.5 million annually or approximately 20.24% based on NorthWestern's test year ending September 30, 2014. NorthWestern states a typical residential electric customer using 750 kWh per month would see an increase of \$16.76 per month. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 62,100 customers in NorthWestern's South Dakota service territory. NorthWestern proposes an effective date of March 1, 2015.

TODAY, shall the Commission suspend the imposition of the tariff for 180 days beyond December 19, 2014? AND, shall the Commission assess a filing fee for actual expenses not to exceed \$250,000? AND, shall the Commission give the Executive Director authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts?

Hydrocarbon Pipeline

1. HP14-001 In the Matter of the Petition of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP for Order Accepting Certification of Permit Issued in Docket HP09-001 to Construct the Keystone XL Pipeline (Staff Analysts: Brian Rounds, Darren Kearney; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

On September 15, 2014, the Commission received a filing from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (Keystone) seeking an order accepting certification of the permit issued in HP09-001. The Commission issued an Amended Final Decision and Order granting a permit to Keystone on June 29, 2010. Because it has been at least four years since the permit was issued, Keystone now seeks an order accepting certification, per SDCL 49-41B-27. An intervention deadline of October 15, 2014, was set. The Commission granted intervention to several parties. On December 2, 2014, Yankton Sioux Tribe filed a Motion to Dismiss (Motion). At its regularly scheduled Commission Meeting on December 9, 2014, the Commission discussed scheduling for the Motion. All parties agreed that the Motion could be heard on January 6, 2015, with responses to the Motion due December 29, 2014.

TODAY, shall the Commission grant Yankton Sioux Tribe's Motion to Dismiss?

Items for Commission Discussion

Announcements

1. The PUC offices will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2015, in observance of the New Year holiday.
2. A hearing in dockets TC14-088, TC14-089 and TC14-090 will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 8:45 a.m. CST in Room 413 at the State Capitol, Pierre, S.D.
3. Commissioners and staff will host a briefing for legislators on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. CST at the Floyd Matthew Training Center in the Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D. The agenda is to discuss the PUC's response to the EPA's proposed plan to reduce carbon emissions from existing power plants and current issues related to telecommunications, wind energy, grain warehouses, pipeline safety and energy regulation.
4. Commissioners and staff will meet with representatives of Otter Tail Power Company on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. CST in the Floyd Matthew Training Center in the Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D. The agenda is to discuss a general update on activities at Otter Tail Power Company and the appointment of Tim Rogelstad as the company's new president.
5. The PUC offices will be closed Monday, January 19, 2015, in observance of the Martin Luther

King, Jr. holiday.

6. The next regularly scheduled commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. CST at the Capitol Lake Visitor Center, 600 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D.
7. A public input hearing for Docket [HP14-002](#) will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 12:00 p.m. noon to 3:00 p.m. CST in the Bowdle School Gym, 3083 S. Second Ave., Bowdle, S.D.
8. A public input hearing for Docket [HP14-002](#) will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 6:00-9:00 p.m. CST in the Redfield School Auditorium, 502 E. Second St., Redfield, S.D.
9. A public input hearing for Docket [HP14-002](#) will be held Thursday, January 22, 2015, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CST in the Iroquois School South Gym, 111 E. Washita Ave., Iroquois, S.D.
10. A public input hearing for Docket [HP14-002](#) will be held Thursday, January 22, 2015, 5:30-8:30 p.m. CST in the Roosevelt Room, Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, 3200 W. Maple St., Sioux Falls, S.D.
11. A hearing in docket [EL14-026](#) will be held January 27-29, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. CST January 27 in the Floyd Matthew Training Center in the Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D.
12. Commission meetings are scheduled for February 2 and February 13, 2015.

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