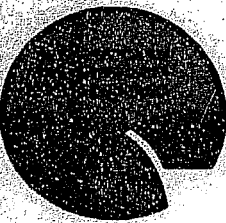


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October 25, 2000

William Bullard, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing please find a copy of an executed "Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception" between The City of Brookings and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative.

The City of Brookings and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative jointly request an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement to permit The City of Brookings to provide electric service to the Kathy Monnier residence in the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 49 West.

The Monnier residence is presently served by SVSW from a 3000-foot section of 1972 underground cable that has failed several times in the past year. The City of Brookings has service within several hundred feet of the Monnier residence. We feel it is in the best interest of all parties involved to allow the City of Brookings to serve this residence. The consumer is in favor of this transfer and has signed the attached showing her concurrence.

Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric respectfully requests South Dakota Public Utilities Commission consideration and an order approving this agreement.

Sincerely,

Don L. Marker  
General Manager

Enclosure

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

JOINT REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION

Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric and The City of Brookings jointly request an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement to permit The City of Brookings to provide electric service to the Kathy Monnier residence in the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 49 West. A drawing of the service site, Exhibit A, is attached for your information.

Representatives of both Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric and The City of Brookings have concluded that, in this instance, the customer's interest will be best served by receiving service from The City of Brookings and have agreed that we should request an exception to the existing territorial agreement.

We have also agreed that each such instance where territory boundaries become a factor should be dealt with on an individual basis.

This exception is not to be construed as having any impact upon or indicating a desire to change the service area assigned by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

SIoux VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN  
ELECTRIC

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

BY *Don L. Smith*  
General Manager

BY *Greg Jensen*  
Utility Manager

DATE 10-16-00

DATE 10-5-00

CONSENT:

I concur with the provisions described above.

BY *Kathy Monnier*  
Kathy Monnier, Homeowner

DATE 9/26/00

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

**WEEKLY FILINGS**

For the Period of October 26, 2000 through November 1, 2000

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL00-031**

**In the Matter of the Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Brookings, South Dakota.**

On October 30, 2000, the Commission received a joint request for electric service territory exception between The City of Brookings and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative. The agreement between the two parties seeks an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement to permit The City of Brookings to provide electric service to the Kathy Monnier residence in the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 49 West.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 10/30/00  
Intervention Deadline: 11/17/00

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC00-175**

**In the Matter of the Application of RCN Telecom Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.**

RCN Telecom Services, Inc. (RCN TS) is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services on a statewide basis. RCN TS in conjunction with RCN Long Distance Company (RCN LD) is requesting: (1) authority to merge RCN LD with and into RCN TS and to assign RCN LD's customers and operations to RCN TS; (2) cancellation of RCN LD's Certificate of Authority; and (3) issuance to RCN TS of a Certificate of Authority identical to those currently held by RCN LD. RCN TS will provide identical services, rates, terms and conditions as are currently offered by RCN LD.

Staff Analyst: Heather Fornay  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 10/30/00  
Intervention Deadline: 11/17/00

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY</b>	)	<b>APPROVAL OF AN</b>
<b>EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY-</b>	)	<b>EXCEPTION TO THE</b>
<b>SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,</b>	)	<b>ASSIGNED ELECTRIC</b>
<b>INC. AND THE CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH</b>	)	<b>SERVICE TERRITORY</b>
<b>DAKOTA</b>	)	<b>EL00-031</b>

On October 30, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request from Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SVSW) and The City of Brookings, South Dakota (Brookings) seeking approval of an agreement for a service rights exception. The purpose of the filing was to seek Commission approval for an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement. According to the application, "The City of Brookings and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative jointly request an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement to permit The City of Brookings to provide electric service to the Kathy Mornier residence in the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 49 West."

SVSW and Brookings have entered into an agreement entitled "Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception" dated October 18, 2000, and have filed the same with a signature of consent signed by the affected customer concurring with the territorial transfer.

On November 30, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the matter. 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 service rights transfer is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the joint request seeking approval of service rights transfer is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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.	
By:	<u><i>Delaine Kaelin</i></u>
Date:	<u>12/7/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner