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500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear Pam:

Enclosed for filing please find an original copy of an executed "Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Modification" between Xcel Energy and Central Electric Cooperative.

This agreement seeks an exception to our existing service territory near Artesian, SD in order to provide for an efficient electrical connection to a telephone "pedestal." The agreement specifies the legal description of the location.

The pedestal is being installed by Santel Communications and requires electrical power. The pedestal is located within the Central Coop service territory, but because of proximity will be better connected to the Xcel Energy power system nearby.

The accompanying drawing provides additional graphical detail to this request. Xcel Energy respectfully requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approve this agreement.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,



Jim Wilcox

c. Scott Kroger, Central Coop

Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Modification

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy") and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Central Electric") of Mitchell, SD request a modification of their electric boundaries, as follows:

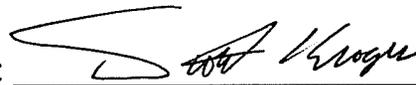
1. Pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-55 adjacent utilities are allowed to exchange assigned service areas and service rights.
2. Santel Communications of Woonsocket, SD is constructing a telephone "pedestal," which requires electric service to a location on the south side of SD Highway 34 approximately 3 miles west of Artesian, South Dakota.
3. This area is presently located within the assigned service territory of Central Electric.
4. Santel Communications desires that Xcel Energy connect this facility and Central Electric agrees that Santel's request should be permitted.
5. The parties to this agreement realize that this is a unique circumstance. The parties further agree that to make this exchange will promote the efficient and economical use of their respective electric systems. Therefore, the parties agree (1) to make this unique service rights exchange and (2) that this boundary modification does not establish a precedent for future service rights or territory exceptions. Finally, it is agreed that this agreement does not modify any other territorial agreement, which might exist between the parties.
6. The area to be transferred from Central Electric to Xcel Energy is described as the telephone "pedestal" and its associated facilities located just east of 411<sup>th</sup> Avenue and on the south side of 233<sup>rd</sup> Street (SD Highway 34) approximately 3 Miles West of Artesian, South Dakota residing in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12 of Union Township T106N R60W in Sanborn County, South Dakota, together with a line to connect with Xcel's system. Xcel shall have such access as may be necessary to clear, install service and repair all facilities contemplated by this agreement. The foregoing description is depicted on the diagram attached as Exhibit A to this agreement.
7. This agreement may be modified by agreement of the parties or by action of the Commission. This paragraph does not prevent either party from advocating any position it deems appropriate under the circumstances at any future date, both before the Commission and upon judicial review thereafter.

This agreement is conditioned upon the approval of the Commission, and if it is not approved it shall be void ab initio.

Xcel Energy

Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.

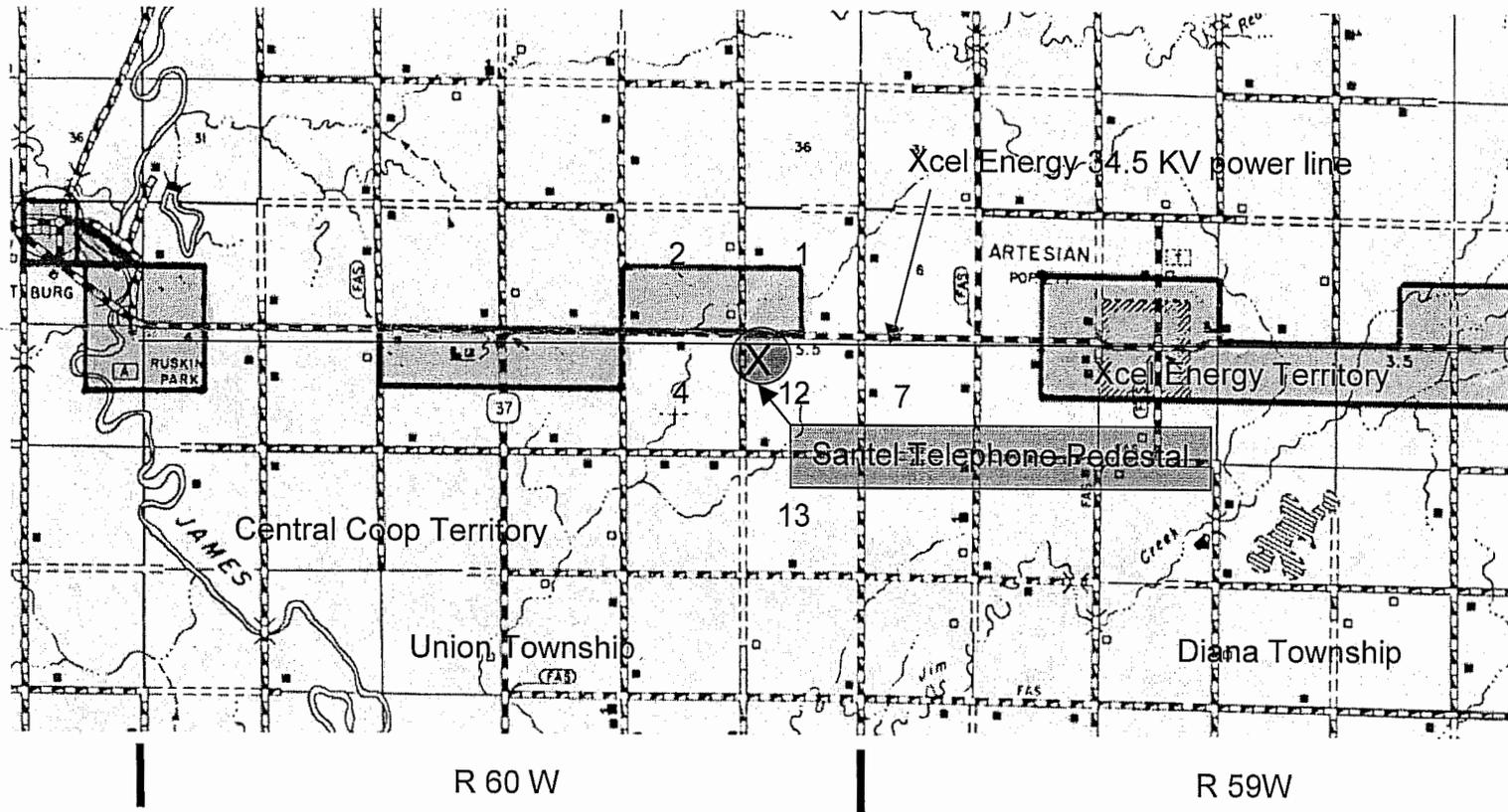
BY:   
Jim Wilcox  
Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager

BY:   
Scott Kroger  
Assistant General Manager

Date: Feb 18, 2003

Date: 1-20-03

Sanborn County, South Dakota



**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**  
For the Period of March 6, 2003 through March 12, 2003

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**CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

**CT03-006** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Joan and Frank Urbanski on behalf of Anytime Tan, North Sioux City, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA n/k/a PrairieWave Communications, Inc. Regarding a Contract Dispute.

Complainant received a termination charge of \$1070.87 from McLeodUSA for changing carriers. Complainants' representatives allege they were not informed by McLeodUSA that the telephone contract was for 60 months and request to be released from the contract without penalty.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 03/12/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**ELECTRIC**

**EL03-010** In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Xcel Energy and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.

On March 6, 2003, Xcel Energy and Central Electric Cooperative filed a "Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Modification." This agreement seeks an exception to the existing service territory near Artesian, SD. The area to be transferred from Central Electric to Xcel Energy is described as the telephone "pedestal" and its associated facilities located just east of 411th Avenue and on the south side of 233rd Street (SD Highway 34) approximately 3 miles west of Artesian, South Dakota, residing in the NW 1/4 of Section 12 of Union Township T106N R60W in Sanborn County, South Dakota, together with a line to connect with Xcel's system.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 03/06/03  
Intervention Deadline: 03/28/03

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**TC03-056 In the Matter of the Application of Entrix Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.**

Entrix Telecom, Inc. has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold interexchange services, including pre-paid toll-free and local access calling cards and directory assistance throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Bonnie Bjork

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Docketed: 03/12/03

Intervention Deadline: 03/28/03

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )	)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS )	)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN XCEL ENERGY AND )	)	EXCEPTION TO THE
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )	)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
)	)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	)	EL03-010

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 1, 2003, 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-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

<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>Melaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>4/9/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner