

EL 04-011

Todd Chambers

From: Todd Chambers [todd.chambers@ci.pierre.sd.us]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2004 2:11 PM
To: 'bscott@oaheelectric.com'
Subject: RE: Truck Bypass services

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Brad,

I already have documentation stating that Oahe Electric has either asked us to provide or would allow us to provide the service to those customers. I don't believe anything else is required since you do not want to formally assign the territory.

If you would please send me the letter of agreement for the Forney property I will be able to submit it to the PUC. Could you please include your electric rates for all customers and classes as we discussed at our last meeting including the criteria for the electric heat rate.

Thanks,
Todd

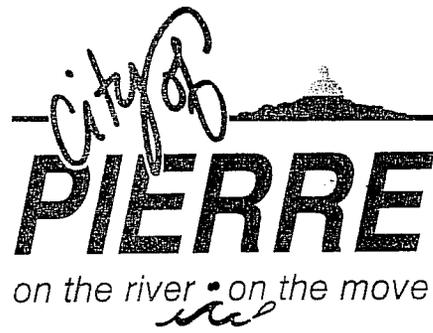
-----Original Message-----

From: bscott@oaheelectric.com [mailto:bscott@oaheelectric.com]
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2004 2:03 PM
To: Todd Chambers
Subject: Truck Bypass services

Todd, I had Dave Larson review your letter dated January 6, 2000 concerning the three services next to the truck bypass. Dave has advised me not to do a territorial assignment for those services, but we would be willing to execute an agreement allowing you to serve those services. But in order for me to do so, I will need you to send me the exact names and locations of these services. Once I have them I will have Dave prepare an agreement for those exact services. I guess he has his reasons for doing this. So if you could get those to me I would appreciate it.

Brad Scott
Oahe Electric Cooperative

3/23/2004



January 6, 2000

800 / 640 6243

Gerald Walton
Oahe Electric Cooperative
P O Box 216
Blunt, SD 57522

Dear Gerry,

This letter is to follow up our conversation regarding service to the new sign between the Truck Route and Gales Gas. As you suggested it would make sense for the City of Pierre to serve the sign since we are the closest utility available. I have made contact with the individual at the sign company that you referred me to so that they would know we would serve that site.

After reviewing our records for that area it appears that we will now be serving three separate sources in that general area. I would suggest that we formalize our agreements for the territory that lies in the S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 22, Range 79 West, Township 111 North within the highway right of way to the south. If you would please send me a letter to show that you are agreeable to the change in territory so we can begin the procedure.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Todd R. Chambers
Electrical Engineer

TRC/smm

Cc: Bruce Pier





Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Phone (605) 962-6243 • FAX (605) 962-6306

January 24, 2000

Todd R. Chambers
City of Pierre
PO Box 1253
Pierre SD 57501-1253

Dear Todd:

With this letter we are granting the city of Pierre permission to serve a sign for Service Signs that is located West of the North airport road and South of Highway 14 & 83.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please give Jerry a call.

Sincerely

OAHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

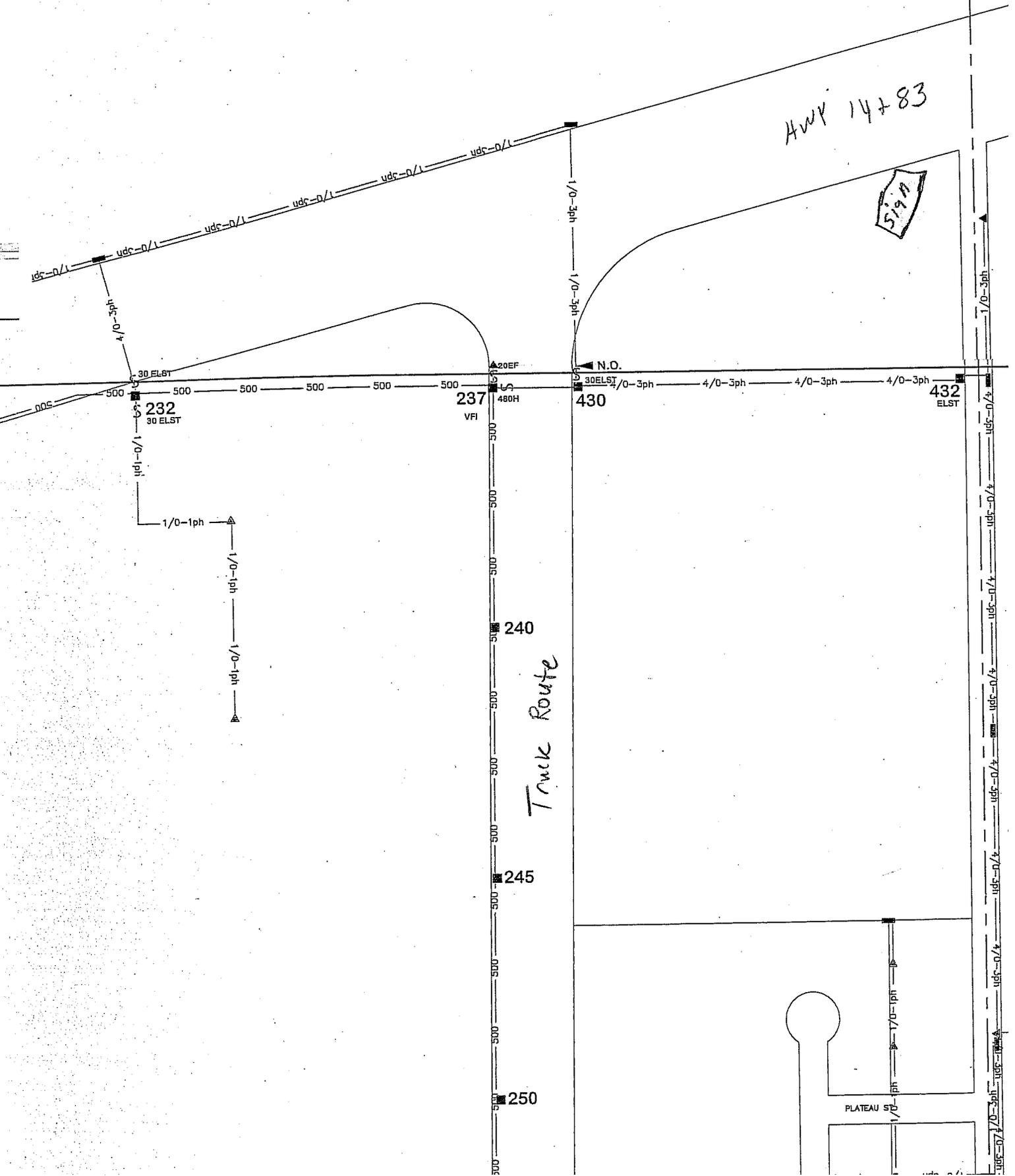
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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of April 1, 2004 through April 7, 2004

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ELECTRIC

EL04-010 In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a Renewal of a Released Energy Tariff.

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) is requesting the Commission renew its Released Energy Tariff. This tariff will expire on June 7, 2004. This renewal would allow Otter Tail to purchase energy from its large customers who curtail their load.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 04/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 04/23/04

EL04-011 In the Matter of the Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between the City of Pierre and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc.

On April 1, 2004, the City of Pierre and Oahe Electric filed a joint request for approval of a service rights exception for service to an outdoor sign located adjacent to Highways 14 and 83. The sign is located in Oahe Electric's service territory, but the City has services closer to the sign. Both companies agree the service rights exception will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric system.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 04/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 04/23/04

EL04-012 In the Matter of the Filing by the City of Pierre for Approval of its Revised Service Territory as a Result of Annexation.

On April 1, 2004, the City of Pierre filed a request for approval of a territory boundary change due to annexation. On November 4, 2003, the City of Pierre annexed the north 236.6 feet of Outlot F-1 and all of Outlot F2 in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 110, Range 79, Pierre, South Dakota. The City has elected to purchase the electric facilities in the area annexed in accordance with SDCL 49-34A-50 from Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Crèmer
Date filed: 04/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 04/23/04

EL04-013 In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement for the Supply of Bulk Interruptible Power between Otter Tail Power Company and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

Application by Otter Tail Power Company for re-approval of an Electric Service Agreement to service Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. pursuant to Otter Tail's currently effective Bulk Interruptible Service Tariff. The current Electric Service Agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. expires June 1, 2004, and Otter Tail has requested approval of the new Agreement effective June 1, 2004. The term of the new proposed Electric Service Agreement is one year.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 04/01/04
Intervention Deadline: 04/30/04

NATURAL GAS

NG04-001 In the Matter of the Application of MidAmerican Energy Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Service.

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company for approval to increase rates for natural gas service in its service territory by \$1,559,963 or approximately 1.5% of pro forma test year revenue. MidAmerican states the proposed increase for an average residential customer would be approximately \$2.50 per month. The proposed rates may potentially affect approximately 73,100 customers in MidAmerican Energy Company's service territory in southeastern South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 04/02/04
Intervention Deadline: 05/14/04

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC04-073 In the Matter of the Application of Hills Telephone Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

On April 5, 2004, Hills Telephone Company, Inc. filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange services in South Dakota. Hills intends to provide local telephone exchange services in the Valley Springs and North Larchwood, South Dakota local telephone exchanges. Hills has entered into an Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Telephone Exchange, dated January 16, 2004, with Sioux Valley Telephone Company for acquisition of these exchanges. Hills and Sioux Valley have jointly requested the Commission's consent to and approval of that transaction in Docket TC04-040.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 04/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 04/23/04

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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 THE CITY OF PIERRE)	EXCEPTION TO THE
AND OAHÉ ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL04-011

On April 1, 2004, the City of Pierre (City) and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Oahe Electric) filed a joint request for approval of a service rights exception for service to an outdoor sign located adjacent to Highways 14 and 83. The sign is located in Oahe Electric's service territory, but the City has services closer to the sign. Both companies agree the service rights exception will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric system.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 11, 2004, 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 City may provide electrical service to the outdoor sign located on the above described property as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of City and Oahe Electric. 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 13th day of May, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Melaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>5/18/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner