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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Ms. Pam Bonrud  
Executive Director  
SD Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Joint Request for Approval of an electric Service Rights Exception Submitted by Otter Tail Power Company and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Otter Tail Power Company and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. respectfully submit this joint request to the South Dakota Public utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The joint request would allow for H-D Electric, Inc. to provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by Jonathan Wollman, located in Otter Tail Power Company's service territory. The pivot is located in Section 35, Township 115, Range 52 of Hamlin County, which location is shown on the attached map.

H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. has a distribution line closer than that of Otter Tail Power Company. Otter Tail Power Company's nearest distribution facilities are several hundred feet away, and per Otter Tail Power Company's filed line extension policy, would necessitate a significant investment for the pivot's owner to procure electrical service from Otter Tail Power Company. By allowing H-D Electric Cooperative to provide service to the signs, unnecessary duplication of facilities would be avoided.

Kevin Kouba, Otter Tail Power Company's Area Manager, and Roger Squires, H-D Electric's Line Superintendent, have considered alternatives and jointly submit this request for the commission's consideration. The following information is enclosed for your review:

- A map showing details of the area in question
- Otter Tail Power Company's letter to H-D Electric authorizing the provision of service contingent on the Commission's ruling
- A letter of consent from Jonathan Wollman

If you require additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

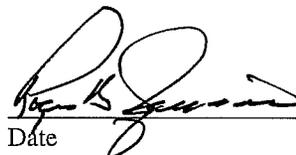


Kevin Kouba  
Area Manager  
Otter Tail Power Company

Roger Squires  
Line Superintendent  
H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.

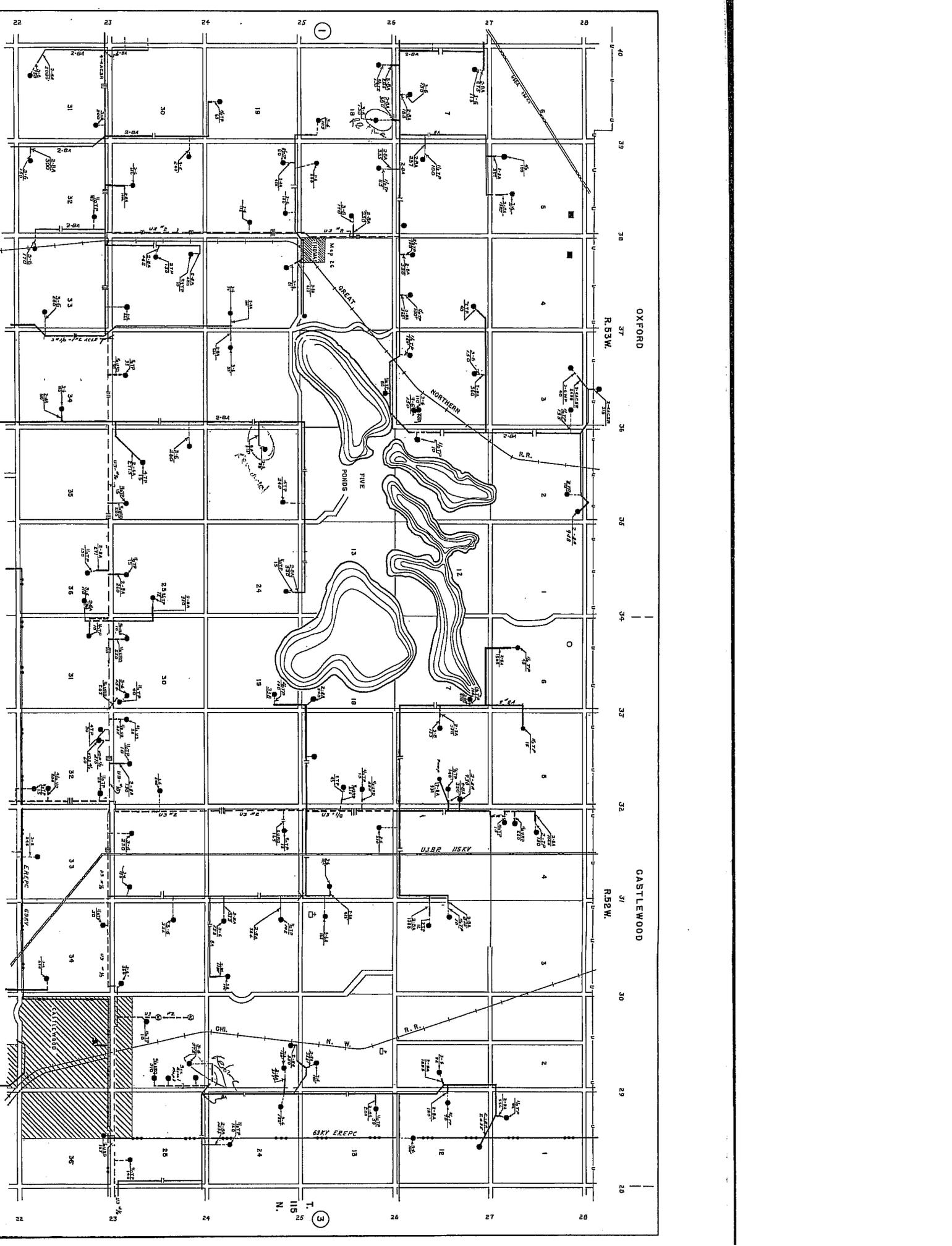
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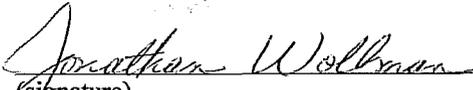
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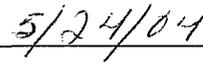
Mr. Kevin Kouba  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 392  
Milbank, SD 57252

Dear Mr. Kouba,

I, Jonathan Wollman, hereby give consent for the Electric Service Rights Exception jointly submitted by Otter Tail Power Company and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. I understand that this request would allow for H-D Electric to provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by myself, located in Otter Tail Power Company's service territory.

H-D Electric Cooperative has distribution facilities near the pivot location. Otter Tail Power Company's nearest distribution facilities are several hundred feet away, and per Otter Tail Power Company's filed line extension policy, would necessitate a significant investment by myself to procure electrical service from Otter Tail Power Company. Also, by allowing H-D Electric to provide service to the pivot, unnecessary duplication of facilities would be avoided by the utilities.

  
(signature)

  
(date)

Jonathan Wollman

CC: Roger Squires  
H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Mr. Roger Squires  
H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
423 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S  
Clear Lake, SD 57226

Dear Roger,

As we have discussed, Jonathan Wollman has requested service to an irrigation pivot located west of Castlewood, SD. The pivot is located in Section 35, Township 115, Range 52 of Hamlin County. H-D Electric has a distribution line across the road from the pivot location.

To avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, Otter Tail Power Company authorizes H-D Electric to provide service to this pivot with the understanding that no service territory is to be released. This agreement is contingent upon the South Dakota Public Utilities commission approval of our Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kouba", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Kouba  
Area Manager

**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**  
**For the Period of June 3, 2004 through June 9, 2004**

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact  
Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3201

**ELECTRIC**

**EL04-022**     **In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between  
Otter Tail Power Company and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

On June 4, 2004, Otter Tail Power Company and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed a joint request to the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow for H-D Electric to provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by Jonathan Wollman, located in Otter Tail Power Company's service territory in Section 35, Township 115, Range 52 of Hamlin County.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 06/04/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

**NATURAL GAS**

**NG04-004**     **In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Increase  
Rates for Natural Gas Service.**

Application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for approval to increase rates for natural gas service in its Black Hills service territory by \$1,281,417 or 2.2% based on an adjusted test year ended 12/31/2003. The company states the proposed increase for a residential customer would average about \$1.96 per month. The proposed rates may potentially affect 43,100 customers in the Black Hills area of South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 06/07/04  
Intervention Deadline: 07/09/04

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC04-099**     **In the Matter of the Application of Public Communications Services, Inc. for a  
Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in  
South Dakota.**

Public Communications Services, Inc. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Applicant intends to offer collect, prepaid and debit basis interexchange telecommunications services to inmates of prisons, jails and other confinement institutions.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Docketed: 06/03/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/25/04

**TC04-100 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation and 1-800-Reconex, Inc. d/b/a USTel (Fourth Revision)**

On June 8, 2004, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services Provided by Qwest Corporation in the State of South Dakota, Fourth Revision, between Qwest Corporation and 1-800-Reconex, Inc. d/b/a USTel. According to the parties, the Agreement "is a negotiated agreement which sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which Qwest will provide services for resale to Reconex for the provision of local exchange services." Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than June 28, 2004. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest  
Date Filed: 06/08/04  
Initial Comments Due: 06/28/04

**TC04-101 In the Matter of the Filing by Granite Telecommunications, LLC for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.**

In an Order dated December 17, 2003, the Commission granted Granite Telecommunications, LLC (Granite) authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to restrictions from offering prepaid services or from accepting customer deposits and advance payments. On June 8, 2004, the Commission received a filing from Granite requesting relief from those restrictions.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/8/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/25/04

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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 OTTER TAIL POWER )	EXCEPTION TO THE
COMPANY AND H-D ELECTRIC )	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. )	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL04-022

On June 4, 2004, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. (H-D Electric) filed a joint request to the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow H-D Electric to provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by Jonathan Wollman, located in Otter Tail's service territory in Section 35, Township 115, Range 52 of Hamlin County.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 22, 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 H-D Electric may provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by Jonathan Wollman 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 Otter Tail and H-D 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

<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 Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>7/1/04</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