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

This **AGREEMENT**, is made and entered into by Niobrara Electric Association, of 3951 U.S. Hwy 20, Lusk, WY 82225, hereinafter referred to as **Niobrara**, and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., of PO Box 792, Custer, SD, 57730, hereinafter referred to as **Black Hills**; jointly referred to as the Parties.

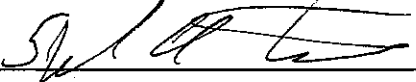
The Parties hereto agree to be bound by all terms, conditions, promises, and obligations herein contained, which include the following:

1. The Parties to this Agreement are electric utilities as defined by South Dakota statute and are actively engaged in furnishing electric services within the state.
2. Pursuant to state law, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) has established the assigned service territories of each electric utility operating within the state. The SD PUC prepared, or caused to be prepared, maps showing the boundaries of the assigned service territories for each electric utility.
3. The purpose of this Agreement is to verify and update all existing service territory mapping data for use in a Geographic Information System (GIS). Throughout this process, all mapping data, including: initial territorial agreements, maps, and all territory change agreements, have been compiled and reviewed for accuracy. A legal description was formulated by the SD PUC staff and sent to the Parties for review and verification.
4. The mapping data contained in the attached legal description (Exhibit A) and the corresponding maps (Exhibits B & C) accurately represent the service territories currently served by the Parties.
5. Under this Agreement, any changes made to mapping data are to be deemed intentional and a result of the review and exchange of information between the SD PUC staff and the Parties hereto. Any changes in mapping data should be considered a request by the Parties on the SD PUC, for approval of change in service territory according to state law. If approved by the SD PUC, the revised mapping data shall hereafter constitute the controlling service territory designations of the Parties; and as evidence of such territorial designations, the Parties and the SD PUC shall maintain the territorial mapping data and this Agreement.
6. Unless agreed to by the Parties and approved by the SD PUC, no changes or updates of mapping data under this Agreement shall change the service provider for any South Dakota consumer. Further, the Parties agree to the continued existence and validity of all service territory exceptions previously established according to state law.
7. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties and their successors, assigns, agents and representatives.

8. Approval of this Agreement by the SD PUC shall not in any way constitute a determination by the SD PUC as to the merits of any allegations or contentions that may arise as a result of this Agreement and shall not foreclose the SD PUC from the review of any allegations or contentions that may arise hereafter.

9. This Agreement shall not foreclose the ability of the Parties hereto, to modify the service territory as established in this Agreement through the processes provided under the laws of the State of South Dakota.

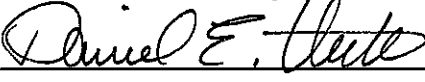
Niobrara Electric Association

By: 

Title: General Manager

Date: 1-5-2012

Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.

By: 

Title: CEO

Date: January 3, 2012

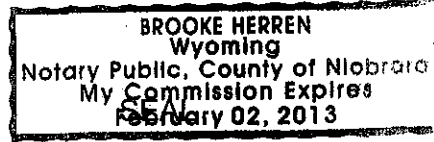
NIORARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

ON this 5th day of January, 2012, before me, the signing officer, personally appeared Sheldon Albertson, who acknowledged himself/herself to be the General Manager of Niobrara Electric Association, and being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Brooke Herren

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2-2-13



BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

ON this 3rd day of January, 2012, before me, the signing officer, personally appeared Daniel E. Hutt, who acknowledged himself/herself to be the CEO for Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., and being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Sammi Langendorf
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 7-12-2016

