



DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH, AND PARKS

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Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Subject:
Service Territory Exception
SD Game Fish & Parks
Blue Dog Fish Hatchery
Waubay SD

Dear Commission,

The South Dakota Department of Game Fish and Parks, Division of Wildlife, (SDGFP) operates the Blue Dog Hatchery (hatchery) in Waubay, South Dakota. The hatchery is located in Lake Region Electric Cooperative's (LREC) service territory. The hatchery completed an upgrade to their facility that included installation of a templifier (1000 ton heat pump / water heater). Because of the distance from the substation source and the under size existing conductors the current electric service provided by LREC is not sufficient to start-up the templifier. After discussion between SDGFP, LREC, and Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) it was determined that OTP would be able to provide service to start-up and operate the templifier. All parties are in agreement to the service territory exception for OTP to serve the hatchery. Attached is a letter of release from Lake Region Electric dated March 15, 2012.

Therefore, SDGFP is requesting the Commission approve the service territory exception to have OTP serve the following meters located at the hatchery. The remainder of the service will stay with LREC. The enclosed map shows the location of each of the meters referenced below.

- Meter 1 located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 122N, Range 54W, of the 5th Prime Meridian. N 45d 21.526, W 97d 19.259;
- Meter 2 is the west meter located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 122N, Range 54W of the 5th Prime Merician. N 45d 21.601, W 97d 18.762; and
- Meter 3 located in Lot 5 of Section 21, Township 122N, Range 54W of the 5th Prime Meridian. N 45d 21.503, W 97d 19.054.

SDGFP believes this service territory exception is in the best interest of all the parties and respectfully requests your approval of this service territory exception request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony P Leif
Director, Wildlife Division, SD Game Fish & Parks

cc Otter Tail Power Company
Lake Region Electric