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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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Mr. Dick Johnson  
West River Electric Association, Inc.  
PO Box 412  
Wall SD 57790-0412

Dear Dick:

Please consider this letter as authorization for West River Electric Association (WREA) to continue serving the accounts presently within Black Hills Electric Cooperative's (BHEC's) assigned service territory in the following location:

***The NE1/4 of Section 9, Township 1S, Range 9E, B.H.M all located in Pennington County, South Dakota***

If, in the future, BHEC extends facilities to the area, BHEC reserves the right to serve all customers within its assigned service territory in the above location including those in this authorization. BHEC would purchase any needed WREA facilities at their depreciated value with no exchange or credit given for energy purchased.

Please notify BHEC prior to extending additional services into BHEC's assigned service territory. We realize that at times it is mutually beneficial for the utility with the nearest facilities to serve customers, and we will work with you and future customers for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

**BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Daniel E. Hutt  
General Manager and Executive V.P.

***Acknowledgement and Acceptance:***

**WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Richard Johnson  
CEO and General Manager

Date: 1-17-12

