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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: EL13-005 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Black Hills Power, Inc., and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On February 15, 2013, Black Hills Power (BHP) and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BHE) submitted a joint request for an electric service territory boundary change located near the intersections of Highway 16 and Catron Boulevard in Rapid City. The new boundary is as follows:

1. BEGINNING at the NW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27 of Township 1 North (T1N), Range 7 East (R7E),
2. THENCE continue east to the NW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26 of T1N, R7E,
3. THENCE continue south to the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 of T1N, R7E,
4. THENCE continue west intersecting territory boundary at the centerline of US Highway 16.

Upon review of the filing, staff finds that the proposed trade meets the standards set forth in SDCL 49-34A-55 and recommends approval.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tysdal
Staff Analyst