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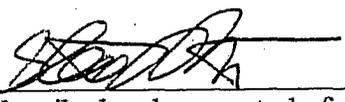
Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

Stewart Huntington of said County and State being first duly sworn, on his oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Stewart Huntington, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Stewart Huntington, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

Public Utilities Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
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a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 11th day of Oct, 2006, and the last publication on the _____ day of _____, _____, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$456.00, insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the BLACK HILLS PIONEER, that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any other person whomsoever.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Oct, 2006



Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota
My commission expires: 10-24-2010



Public Utilities Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in Room _____, South Dakota, on November 7, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss proposed rules numbered:

- 20:10:01:01:01, 20:10:01:01:02, 20:10:01:02:05, 20:10:01:07:01, 20:10:01:09:01, 20:10:01:10, 20:10:01:15:02, 20:10:01:15:04, 20:10:01:22:07, 20:10:01:24, 20:10:01:34, 20:10:01:35, 20:10:01:39

One of the effects of the proposed rule and serving of documents and to otherwise person does not have the ability to file electronically. A number of the rule changes explain how to serve documents, outline the exceptions for requirements for paper copies. See §§ 20:10:01:10, 20:10:01:11:01, 20:10:01:30:01, and 20:10:01:41. Proposed court rules of civil procedure will apply unless will also differentiate between complaints filed against another utility. See §§ 20:10:01:08:01, 20:10:01:08:02, 20:10:01:09:01. Treatment of complaints are intended to match when compared to a complaint filed by a utility. The requirements for stipulations by deleting stipulation. Other rule changes clarify that complaints. See §§ 20:10:01:15 and 20:10:01:15:04 and 20:10:01:15:05. Proposed for filing amended pleadings. Some changes documents during a hearing. See §§ 20:10:01:25. Proposed rule § 20:10:01:25 requires a fee requested by the Commission. Other proposed and the timeline for Commission action. See proposed changes revise the treatment a 20:10:01:39, 20:10:01:40, and 20:10:01:41.

The main reason for the proposed procedural rules. Many of the rule change filing and serving of documents. The filing easier and less costly for those who electronically. In addition the parties will not ten paper copies of documents even if they

Persons interested in presenting data proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 57501-5070, Material sent by mail November 17, 2006 to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission receives on the proposed rules. The Commission at that time to include or exclude matters that

Notice is further given to individuals at a physically accessible place. Please no hours before the public hearing if you have must be made. The telephone number is 3201

Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in Room 412, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on November 7, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered:

~~20:10:01:01:01, 20:10:01:01:02, 20:10:01:02:02, 20:10:01:02:03, 20:10:01:02:04,~~
20:10:01:02:05, 20:10:01:07:01, 20:10:01:08:01, 20:10:01:08:02, 20:10:01:09,
20:10:01:09:01, 20:10:01:10, 20:10:01:11:01, 20:10:01:15, 20:10:01:15:01,
20:10:01:15:02, 20:10:01:15:04, 20:10:01:15:05, 20:10:01:16, 20:10:01:22:03,
20:10:01:22:07, 20:10:01:24, 20:10:01:24:01, 20:10:01:25, 20:10:01:30:01,
20:10:01:34, 20:10:01:35, 20:10:01:39, 20:10:01:40 and 20:10:01:41

One of the effects of the proposed rule changes is to allow for the electronic filing and serving of documents and to otherwise clarify how documents are to be filed. If a person does not have the ability to file electronically, that person may still file a paper copy. A number of the rule changes explain how to file electronically, how the commission will serve documents, outline the exceptions for filing electronically, and delete references to requirements for paper copies. See §§ 20:10:01:02:02, 20:10:01:02:05, 20:10:01:09:01, 20:10:01:10, 20:10:01:11:01, 20:10:01:15:02, 20:10:01:22:03, 20:10:01:25, 20:10:01:30:01, and 20:10:01:41. Proposed rule § 20:10:01:02 provides that the circuit court rules of civil procedure will apply unless otherwise stated. The changes to the rules will also differentiate between complaints filed by consumers and complaints filed by one utility against another utility. See §§ 20:10:01:01:01, 20:10:01:02:03, 20:10:01:07:01, 20:10:01:08:01, 20:10:01:08:02, 20:10:01:09 and 20:10:01:22:03. The differences in the treatment of complaints are intended to make it easier for a consumer to file a complaint when compared to a complaint filed by a utility. Proposed rule § 20:10:01:02:04 revises the requirements for stipulations by deleting the requirement that all parties must sign a stipulation. Other rule changes clarify that those rules apply to all contested cases, not just complaints. See §§ 20:10:01:15 and 20:10:01:15:01. Other proposed rules clarify the filing of interventions and answers to interventions. See §§ 20:10:01:15:02, 20:10:01:15:04, and 20:10:01:15:05. Proposed rule § 20:10:01:16 revises the procedures for filing amended pleadings. Some changes clarify the filing of exhibits or technical documents during a hearing. See §§ 20:10:01:22:07, 20:10:01:24, and 20:10:01:24:01. Proposed rule § 20:10:01:25 requires a party to file proposed findings of fact only if requested by the Commission. Other proposed rules revise the filing of declaratory rulings and the timeline for Commission action. See §§ 20:10:01:34 and 20:10:01:35. Finally, the proposed changes revise the treatment and filing of confidential information. See §§ 20:10:01:39, 20:10:01:40 and 20:10:01:41.

The main reason for the proposed changes is to update the Commission's procedural rules. Many of the rule changes are made in order to allow for the electronic filing and serving of documents. The filing and service of documents by parties will be easier and less costly for those who are able to send and receive documents electronically. In addition, the parties will no longer be required to send in an original and ten paper copies of documents even if they are unable to file electronically.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities Commission by November 17, 2006, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3201.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the

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