

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) THE CITY OF PIERRE FOR A CONSTRUCTION) PERMIT FOR 4.83 MILES OF 115KV ELECTRIC) TRANSMISSION LINE IN HUGHES COUNTY,) SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME EL00-023
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On August 21, 2000, the City of Pierre (Pierre) submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for a permit to construct transmission facilities as defined at SDCL 49-41B-2(9)(b). According to the application, these facilities consist of approximately 4.03 miles of new 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line and associated terminal facilities between the City's Ash Substation and the Western Area Power Administration Oahe-Pierre 115kV line. In addition, a 0.80 mile segment of the City's Ash to Evans 115kV transmission line would be relocated to a new route and constructed on new structures. Both transmission lines are located in Hughes County, South Dakota. SDCL 49-41B-12 requires a minimum filing fee deposit of \$8,000.

On August 24, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities. Applications for party status were due by October 20, 2000. No applications for party status were filed. On January 30, 2001, the Commission received a request from Pierre for a Waiver of the 180-Day Rule. SDCL 49-41B-25 requires the Commission to act on an application within six months.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-1, 49-41B-4, 49-41B-11, 49-41B-12, 49-41B-15, 49-41B-16, 49-41B-17, 49-41B-17.1, 49-41B-21, 49-41B-22, 49-41B-25, 49-41B-26, 49-41B-33, 49-41B-38, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 6, 2001, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission unanimously voted to grant an extension of time to Pierre. It is therefore

ORDERED, that an extension of time is hereby granted.

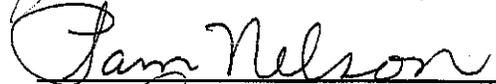
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of February, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u> Debra Kalkb </u>
Date: <u> 2/15/01 </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



JAMES A. BURG, Chairman



PAM NELSON, Commissioner



LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner