

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST ) FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY ) BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN BUTTE ) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND BLACK ) HILLS POWER )	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY AGREEMENT EL03-013
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On March 28, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BEC) and Black Hills Power (BHP) for approval of the relocation of an electric service territory boundary located in Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 5 East, Black Hills Meridian, Meade County, South Dakota. The specific impacted properties include the western most portion of Lot 1A, and Lot 1B revised in the Sturgis Industrial Park Subdivision. Bruce Bowen, the current property owner, is in agreement with the change.

On April 15, 2003, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. The Commission concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between BEC and BHP is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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><i>Alaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>4/24/03</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner