

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN OTTER TAIL POWER)	EXCEPTION TO THE
COMPANY AND H-D ELECTRIC)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL04-022

On June 4, 2004, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. (H-D Electric) filed a joint request to the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow H-D Electric to provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by Jonathan Wollman, located in Otter Tail's service territory in Section 35, Township 115, Range 52 of Hamlin County.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 22, 2004, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that H-D Electric may provide electrical service to an irrigation pivot owned by Jonathan Wollman located on the above described property as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Otter Tail and H-D Electric. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of June, 2004.

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>Delaine Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>7/1/04</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