

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY )</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF CHANGES</b>
<b>BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THE CITY )</b>	<b>IN THE ELECTRIC SERVICE</b>
<b>OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS AND CENTRAL )</b>	<b>TERRITORY</b>
<b>ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )</b>	<b>EL05-003</b>

On February 16, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by the city of Wessington Springs (City) and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change. It is the opinion of both parties that this exchange of service areas is in the best interests of both parties, as well as in the public interest. The electric service boundary change is as follows:

City shall transfer to Central Electric all of that portion within the city limits of the city of Wessington Springs which lies south of South Dakota Highway 34 and that portion of Section Seven (7), Township One Hundred Seven (107), Range Sixty-Four (64), Jerauld County, South Dakota, which begins at the easternmost point of the northern boundary of the Wessington Springs city limits, then goes east approximately Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Feet (2,480'), more or less; thence south approximately Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Feet (2,530') more or less; thence west along the city limits of Wessington Springs approximately Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Feet (2,480'), more or less, thence north along the city limits of Wessington Springs approximately Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Feet (2,530'), more or less, to the place of beginning.

Central Electric shall transfer to City all of Burma's First Addition, a Subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), and Lot Two (2), Martha Burma Addition, a Subdivision of a portion of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township One Hundred Seven (107) North, Range Sixty-Four (64), West of the 5th P.M., Jerauld County, South Dakota, and that portion of land which is shown on a Plat found in Book 2, pages 119-120 of Plats in the office of the Jerauld County Register of Deeds as being a part of Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21 of a replat of a portion of Lot "B," J.L. Sedgwick's Subdivision to the city of Wessington Springs. The portion included is only that portion of such lots shown on the above-referenced plat as not lying within the city limits of the city of Wessington Springs.

On March 8, 2005, 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. Further, the Commission finds that the change in service territory boundary 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 City and Central Electric. The Commission therefore 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 City and Central Electric is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

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: Delaine Kalbs

Date: 3/18/05

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson  
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