

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR AN)	ORDER GRANTING
ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN BLACK)	SERVICE TERRITORY
HILLS POWER, INC. AND BLACK HILLS)	BOUNDARY CHANGE
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	EL07-014

On April 6, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BHEC) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change between BHP and BHEC. BHEC agrees to transfer to BHP approximately five customers in Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota. It is the opinion of both BHEC and BHP that this transfer of service area is in the best interests of both parties, as well as in the public interest. The electric service boundary change is as follows:

BHEC shall transfer to BHP:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Lot 32 and the Southwest Corner of Lot 31, Block 22, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota,

Thence South along the West Lot Lines of Lots 32 and 33, Block 22, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota,

Thence East along the South Lot Line of Lot 33 to the centerline of Kennemer Drive, Block 22, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota,

Thence North along the centerline of Kennemer Drive for approximately 360',

Thence East along the South Lot Line of Lot 7, Block 23, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota,

Thence North along the East Lot Lines of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 23, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota,

Thence East along the South Lot Line of Lot 1, Block 23, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota,

Thence North along the East Lot Line of Lot 1, Block 23, Red Rock Estates Subdivision, Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota, and continuing North until the point at which the line intersects the centerline of Donegal Way and the existing territorial boundary,

Thence East along the centerline of Donegal Way until the intersection of Donegal Way and Dunsmore Road,

Thence South along the centerline of Dunsmore Road until the point at which Dunsmore Road intersects with Portrush Road.

On May 8, 2007, 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 the matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the boundary change will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and help minimize operational challenges. 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 BHP and BHEC is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of May, 2007.

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, electronically.	
By:	<u> <i>Alaine Kalbo</i> </u>
Date:	<u> 5/24/07 </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

 Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

 Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commission