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 BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. AND WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.	)))))	**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE EL07-017**

On April 30, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) and West River Electric Association, Inc. (WREA) for approval of a Service Territory Transfer Agreement between BHP and WREA. BHP and WREA agree to relocate the East-West Service Territory boundary in Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 8 East, Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota. It is the opinion of both BHP and WREA that this transfer of service area is in the best interests of both parties, as well as in the public interest.

On May 22, 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 WREA is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 6/20/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner