

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN WATERTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND CODINGTON-CLARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)))))))	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE ASSIGNED ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EL08-018
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On June 27, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Watertown Municipal Utilities Department (Watertown Municipal) and Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Codington-Clark) for approval of a service exception between Watertown Municipal and Codington-Clark. Watertown Municipal has been asked to serve a new load adjacent to its territorial service area which is located in Codington-Clark's service territory. This new load is located within approximately 300 feet of Watertown Municipal's existing service line and is within approximately 3/4 mile of Codington-Clark's nearest service line. The customer is aware of the service boundary and is agreeable to the change. The structure is located in the S1/2 of Section 24 in Township 117 North, Range 53 West in Codington County.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 29, 2008, 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 Watertown Municipal may provide electrical service to the new load adjacent to its territorial service area in Codington-Clark's service territory 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 Watertown Municipal and Codington-Clark. 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 assigned service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of August, 2008.

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>Helaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>8/7/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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