

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.</b>	) ) ) ) ) ) )	<b>ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGES</b>  <b>EL12-032</b>
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On April 24, 2012, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the Commission to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff requests approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

On April 5, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 20, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-43 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested approval of the agreement in order to update official electric service territory mapping data to accurately reflect current service territories served by the utilities. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the agreement to update mapping data to reflect current electric service territory boundaries shared by Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Joy Dunning</u>
Date: <u>5.24.12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission

Gary Hanson  
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