BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN WEST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND CITY OF FORT PIERRE

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION AGREEMENT

EL17-051

On December 6, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service (Agreement) from West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (West Central) and the City of Fort Pierre that allows the City of Fort Pierre to provide single phase electric service, not to exceed 250 KVA, to an RV Park Campground located in West Central's electric service territory.

On December 7, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 22, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 10, 2018, the parties responded to Commission staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the Agreement. Finding that the Agreement will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of West Central's and the City of Fort Pierre's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Consent and Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception between West Central and the City of Fort Pierre is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this <u>14</u> day of February 2018.

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 or by mail. emo. By (OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: FIEGEN, Chairperson ssioner

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner