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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: Jim and Patty Watkins v.
Black Hills Power & Light Co.

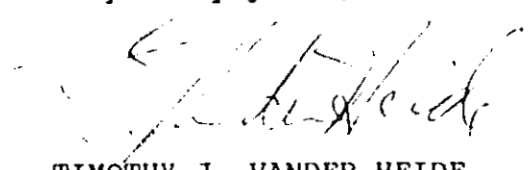
Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I represent Jim and Patty Watkins. Enclosed please find the original Complaint and four copies filed by Jim and Patty Watkins in referenced to the above-referenced matter. It would be most appreciated if the same were filed in your office.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me at these offices.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



TIMOTHY J. VANDER HEIDE

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Black Hills

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COMPLAINT

JIM and PATTY WATKINS, COMPLAINANTS, RR 1, BOX 75H CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, 57730 (605) 673-2212	vs.	BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT, CO. RESPONDENT, 447 MT. RUSHMORE ROAD CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, 57730 (605) 673-4455
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Facts giving rise to my Complaint are: we intend to construct a new home and shop in an area which is within the territory of Black Hills Power & Light Co. We are presently served by the Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. At the present time, Black Hills Power & Light Co. has no service lines extending to the location where we intend to build. Our property is located in:

Sections 10 and 15 of Township 7
South, Range 3 East of the Black
Hills Meridian located in Custer
County, South Dakota.


The cost of extending service to our property would be substantially less if our property were transferred from the territory of Black Hills Power & Light Co. to the territory of Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. We have requested that Black Hills Power & Light Co. consent to the transfer and while they have acknowledged that the savings would be substantial, they refuse to consent to the transfer unless the Cooperative is willing to take into consideration the KHW's involved in any future exchanges between the two utilities. At this time we have

exhausted all efforts to resolve this matter with Black Hills Power & Light Co. The difference in the cost of extending the service to the site is somewhere between Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).


WHEREFORE, we ask that the Commission enter an Order granting the following relief:

That the site of our new home and shop be transferred from the territory of Black Hills Power & Light Co. to the territory of Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.

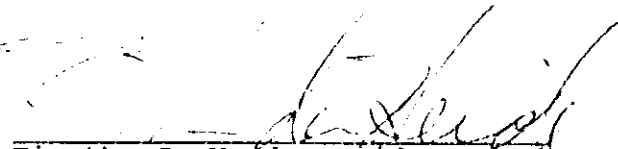
Dated this 5th day of May, 1995.



Jim Watkins



Patty Watkins



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
)
COUNTY OF CUSTER) SS

On this 5th day of May, 1995, before me personally came and appeared Jim and Patty Watkins, husband and wife, known and known to me, to be the individuals described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Harold M Long
Notary Public - South Dakota

My Commission Expires:
7 - 12 - 1997
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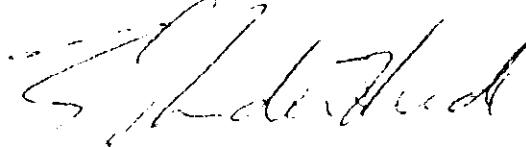
May 10, 1995

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Complaint filed by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watkins be amended to show that the property is in Fall River County rather than Custer County.

Very truly yours,



TIMOTHY J. VANDER HEIDE

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