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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY</b>	)	<b>APPROVAL OF THE</b>
<b>AND BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC</b>	)	<b>CONSENT AND</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF</b>	)	<b>AGREEMENT FOR</b>
<b>TRANSFER OF SERVICE TERRITORY FOR</b>	)	<b>ELECTRIC SERVICE IN</b>
<b>JAMES F. AND PATTY WATKINS</b>	)	<b>ASSIGNED SERVICE</b>
	)	<b>TERRITORY OF ANOTHER</b>
	)	<b><u>ELECTRIC SUPPLIER</u></b>
	)	<b>EL95-016</b>

On June 7, 1995, a series of letters were filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) by Black Hills Power and Light Company, Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. and James F. and Patty Watkins. The letters from Black Hills Power and Light Company and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. dated May 19, 1995, and May 30, 1995, respectively, constitute consent and an agreement for Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. to accept territory presently served by Black Hills Power and Light Company. The affected territory is where James F. and Patty Watkins live. The Watkins have consented to be served by Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The specific territory which the utilities have agreed to trade is described as:

Section 10 and 15, Township 7 South, Range 3 East of the  
Black Hills Meridian, Fall River County. South Dakota.

On June 22, 1995, at the regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission reviewed the consent and agreement. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the electric service agreement.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that this agreement will promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities. The Commission therefore concludes that the consent and agreement is in the public interest and that it shall be approved. It is therefore

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ORDERED that the request for approval of the consent and agreement for electric service in assigned territory of another electric supplier as described herein is hereby granted and is effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1995.

<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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By <u>[Signature]</u>	
Date <u>June 29, 1995</u>	
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature]  
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner