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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE MASTER)	ORDER GRANTING
METERING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR)	MASTER METERING
115 EAST 11TH STREET, SIOUX FALLS,)	VARIANCE AND CLOSING
SOUTH DAKOTA)	DOCKET
	(EL95-017)

On June 15, 1995, Myrna O. Anderson, Panacea Property Management, Inc., owner/manager of The Office Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for a master metering variance for 115 East 11th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The building presently houses 32 suites served by 16 A-base electric meters.

Ms. Anderson requested that a single master meter be used for the building as each month she pays 16 electric meter bills and each meter carries a "Basic Charge" of \$7.25 plus tax. Paying only one electric bill with the basic charge would result in economic savings to the tenants. Also, the City of Sioux Falls has a beautification ordinance that provides that any new facility must discontinue overhead wiring and have underground wiring. Due to the construction of a building adjacent to The Office Center having a new electrical system installed, The Office Center is also required to have its electric service placed underground. Ms. Anderson requested to have all the electrical work done at the same time. The electrical utility for this building is Northern States Power Company (NSP). By letter dated July 13, 1995, NSP did not object to the request.

In response to Staff's request of June 27, 1995, additional information including the meter readings of the building, was filed with the Commission on July 17, 1995. Steve Wegman of the Commission Staff visited the building on July 31, 1995. A hearing was not requested by the applicant. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:26:06, the Commission served notice on NSP and all the tenants of The Office Center. Notice was also published in the Argus Leader for 2 consecutive weeks. No parties filed any comments.

At a duly noticed ad hoc meeting on September 8, 1995, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-27, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:26.

Based upon the application, response to the data request, the record and the recommendation of staff, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the master metering variance. It is therefore

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ORDERED that the request for a master metering variance at 115 East 11th Street, Sioux Falls, SD, is hereby granted and docket EL95-017 is closed.

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ORDERED that the request for a master metering variance at 115 East 11th Street, Sioux Falls, SD, is hereby granted and docket EL95-017 is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of September, 1995.

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: [Signature]

Date: 9-12-95

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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