

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE MASTER) ORDER FOR AND NOTICE
METERING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 115) OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
EAST 11TH STREET, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH) HEARING
DAKOTA)
(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 has 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 is requesting 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 does 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.

A copy of the request for the master metering variance is incorporated as though fully set forth herein and may be reviewed at the office of Panacea Property Management, Inc., 115 East 11th Street, Suite 117, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or at the Commission's office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that any party objecting to the request for variance filed by Myrna O. Anderson, as set forth herein, shall, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:26:06, file a request for hearing on said variance with the Commission not later than fifteen (15) days following service of this notice.

<p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Serry Hovun</u> Date: <u>August 17, 1995</u></p> <p>(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota,
this 17 day of August, 1995.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Commissioners Stofferahn,
Schoenfelder, and Burg

William Bullard
WILLIAM BULLARD
Executive Director