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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>WEST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,</b>	)	<b>APPROVAL OF THE</b>
<b>INC. AND THE CITY OF FORT PIERRE, SOUTH</b>	)	<b>TRANSFER OF SERVICE</b>
<b>DAKOTA FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF</b>	)	<b>TERRITORY IN ASSIGNED</b>
<b>SERVICE TERRITORY</b>	)	<b>SERVICE TERRITORY OF</b>
	)	<b>ANOTHER ELECTRIC</b>
	)	<b>SUPPLIER</b>
	)	<b>EL95-024</b>

On September 5, 1995, a Letter of Understanding between West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Fort Pierre, South Dakota was filed the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Letter of Understanding, which was signed by Fort Pierre Mayor Jim Kleman and Steven J. Reed of West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (West Central), stated as follows: "West Central and the City of Fort Pierre do hereby enter into an Agreement for the City of Ft. Pierre to serve an area within West Central's service area.

Whereas Jack M. Fifield and Marci D. Fifield have requested West Central to provide service to a location within the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-Nine, Township Five North, Range Thirty-One, East of the Black Hills Meridian, in Stanley County, South Dakota and hereinafter described location, and

Whereas said area is within the service area of West Central Electric, and

Whereas because of the existing topography it would be impractical for West Central to provide such service, and

Whereas City presently owns distribution lines in close proximity to the following described real estate, and is able to serve the same in an economical and reliable manner, and

Whereas West Central and the City have mutually agreed that it would avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, promote efficient and economical use and development of the electrical systems of the contract utilities, and be the most economical and convenient method for providing electrical service to the following location, if the City of Ft. Pierre provided such service.

Now therefore, it is agreed:

The City of Ft. Pierre shall provide service to any location within the property described as follows:

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Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29,  
Township Five North, Range Thirty-One, East of the Black  
Hills Meridian, in Stanley County, South Dakota

That said area shall be transferred from the service area of West Central Electric  
Cooperative, Inc. to the City of Fort Pierre."

On October 17, 1995, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission reviewed  
the Letter of Understanding. On that same date the Commission received a letter from  
Jack Fifield stating that he had no objection to the transfer of the property from the service  
area of West Central to the service area of the City of Fort Pierre. Commission Staff  
recommended granting approval of the transfer of the electric service area.

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

ORDERED that the request for approval of the Letter of Understanding for  
transferring the 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 31st day of October, 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>Paul K. Wadlow</u>
Date:	<u>10/31/95</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn  
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner