

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER GRANTING
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES, INC. FOR)	APPROVAL
APPROVAL OF A SERVICE AREA)	
EXCEPTION.)	EL96-014

On June 17, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities, Inc. (MDU) for approval of a service area exception. The purpose of the filing was to seek Commission approval for MDU to accommodate the City of Herreid, South Dakota (the City), who has requested two new street lights in a recently annexed area. One of the street lights is located within Cam Wal Electric Cooperative's (Cam Wal) territory. MDU has a Street Lighting Agreement with the City to serve all street lights in Herreid. MDU submitted a letter of justification, a map and plat of the affected area, and a copy of a "Service Area Modification Agreement," which MDU and Cam Wal had signed, signifying their agreement. The City signified their agreement by separate writing.


The property which is the subject of this request for approval is described as "one electric street light located within Cam Wal's assigned electric service area in Section 6, Township 127N, Range 76W, Campbell County, South Dakota." The street light will be a "150 watt sodium vapor light to be constructed on a 40 foot street light pole." The agreement further provided MDU could extend its electric line to serve the street light with a #4 duplex underground conductor so that no other loads can be served by MDU off this circuit.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that granting the service rights transfer will avoid the unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate service to the City, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities. The Commission therefore concludes that the request is in the public interest and shall be granted.

As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

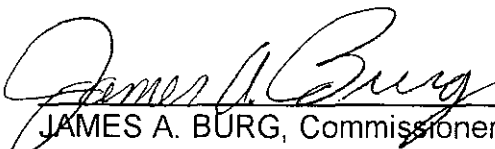
ORDERED that the request seeking approval of service area modification agreement is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August, 1996.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
<p>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>	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman


JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner