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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception submitted by West River Electric Association (WREA) and Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc (GEC)

Dear Patricia:

WREA and GEC respectfully submit this joint request to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The joint request would allow for WREA to provide electric service to Raymond Howie, a water well located in GEC territory. This authorization by GEC is given with the understanding that if at some time in the future GEC has facilities near this location and chooses to take over this service, GEC can purchase WREA facilities at their depreciated value and no KWHs would be exchanged for this service. The well is located in Section 27, T08N, R15E, Meade County, whose location is shown on the attached map.

WREA has a distribution line in close proximity to the water well. GEC's nearest distribution facility is 1½ miles away and would require a significant investment for Raymond Howie to procure electric service from GEC.

By allowing WREA to provide service to this GEC water well, unnecessary duplication of facilities would be avoided.

Richard Johnson, WREA CEO/General Manager and Jerry Reisenauer, General Manager, jointly submit this request for the Commission's consideration. The following information is enclosed for your review:

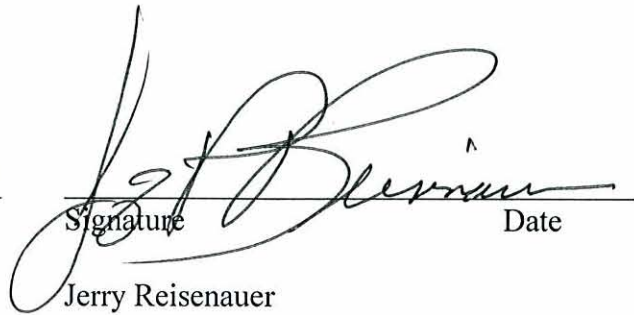
- A map showing details of the area
- GEC's letter to WREA authorizing the provision of the service agreement contingent of the Commission's ruling
- A letter of consent from Raymond Howie

If you require additional information or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Signature Date

Richard Johnson
CEO-General Manager
West River Electric Association

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Signature Date

Jerry Reisenauer
General Manager
Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Enclosures

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