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- 1-1) Was the service and billing agreement currently in place approved by the commission? If so please provide the docket number. **No.**
- 1-2) Why are the companies now looking to change from the current power providing setup and billing if this setup has been in place for some time now? **Otter Tail has requested that LREA takeover and serve this site.**
- 1-3) Has the customer been contacted about the potential change? **Yes, Geri Coyne, with Otter Tail Power, met with Kurt Zuehlke and Karen Zuehlke on March 21st, 2014 at their farm to discuss options of Otter Tail Power Co. extending 3 phase and costs associated with that or having them become a customer of LREA. Is the customer in agreement with the proposed change? Yes. Please provide documentation of correspondence with the customer. The conversation was not put in writing. If PUC would like, Geri Coyne from Otter Tail Power can prepare a letter.**
- 1-4) Will the customer, if the exception is granted, be receiving 2 bills, one from Lake Region for the three phase service and one from Otter Tail for the single phase service? **Yes** If so, is the customer ok with receiving two bills? **Yes.** Please provide documentation. **Nothing was put in writing, but customer was agreeable.**
- 1-5) Does Otter Tail Power Company retain any rights to three phase service should it become available in the future? **No, Otter Tail Power Co. would not retain any rights.**
- 1-6) Will the rate charged to the customer in a typical billing cycle be affected by this exception? Explain the difference between the current rate billed to the customer by Otter Tail and the new rate billed to the customer by Lake Region in the proposed agreement for a typical billing cycle. **At a March 21st, 2014 meeting with Zuehlke's, Geri Coyne, Otter Tail Power Co., explained that if Zuehlke's wanted 3 phase power from Otter Tail Power Co., they would have to enter into a 3-year revenue agreement with Otter Tail Power Co. for the cost of the extension. The estimated cost was \$275,000. They would have had to pay a portion of that cost up front plus have a special monthly minimum to cover the balance. Since their 3 phase load would not meet the extension costs, they elected for the option of becoming LREA customers.**
- 1-7) In the letter submitted by Lake Region it's stated in the second paragraph, "The existing three-phase service we are requesting be added to the Lake Region Electric Assn. service territory boundary..." Please confirm that this agreement is for the service rights exception for this one three-phase line only and is not an agreement that the service boundary will be altered. **Agreement is for "Service Rights Exception"**
- 1-8) Please provide a map showing the approximate location of the service. **Attached.**



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