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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR ) ORDER GR. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED ELECTRIC ) AMENDED SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY ) TERRI AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLACK HILLS ) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND BLACK ) HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK HILLS ) ENERGY

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AMENDED ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

EL22-032

On November 7, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Amended Service Territory Line Agreement (Agreement) between Black Hills Electric Cooperative and Black Hills Power dba Black Hills Energy. The Agreement amends the existing electric service territory boundary that was approved by the Commission in docket EL19-001. This amendment will prevent the duplication of services to the respectable areas and costs for future line extensions to new customers will be much lower with the amendment.

On November 17, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 2, 2022, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listsery. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-43, and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 20, 2022, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Amended Agreement. Finding that the Amended Agreement will avoid the unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the affected customers, and promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the utilities, and, further finding that the Amended Agreement is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Amended Agreement.

ORDERED, that the joint request for Approval of an Amended Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Black Hills Energy is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 215th day of December 2022.

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, electronically or by mail.

By:

Date: 21/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner