

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR) APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE) TERRITORY BOUNDARY AGREEMENT) BETWEEN CITY OF FORT PIERRE AND WEST) CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.))))))	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION EL24-037
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On December 4, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (West Central), and the City of Fort Pierre (City) requesting the Commission approve a service rights exception. The service rights exception will allow West Central to provide service to the Legion baseball complex site in the City's service territory for a minimum of 10 years. The proposed baseball complex site is located in northwest Fort Pierre in Stanley County, South Dakota.

On December 5, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 20, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approving the requested service rights exception. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of the utilities' electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of January 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
Date: <u>22 January 2025</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner