

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY AND
WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EL24-035

REQUEST DATE : 12/11/24
RESPONSE DATE : 12/20/24
REQUESTING PARTY: Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.1:

Refer to Exhibit C regarding the grandfathered customers within Black Hills' existing service territory. According to the electric territory map at: <https://sdbit.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c21dde7770aa4e01bcfdd923222ce01d>, the other buildings shown outside the red box on Exhibit C are also within Black Hills' existing territory. See comparison below:



Are these other buildings currently being served by West River? Please explain.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.1:

West River Electric currently serves one meter for the member along Peaceful Pines Road, currently within Black Hills Power's territory limits. This meter serves the remaining buildings outside the red box in Exhibit C.

Responder: Ken Meirose – Black Hills Power, Inc. and Matt Schmahl – West River Electric Association, Inc.

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Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.2:

Provide a description of the existing facilities West River and Black Hills have in the areas proposed to be exchanged. Will there be any duplication of facilities due to this exchange? Please explain.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.2:

Black Hills Power has an existing line that runs along the north side of Peaceful Pines Road and West River Electric has an exiting line that runs on the south side of Peaceful Pines Road. There is currently duplication of facilities along Peaceful Pines Road but both companies do not see a reason for future duplication in the area.

Responder: Ken Meirose – Black Hills Power, Inc. and Matt Schmahl – West River Electric Association, Inc.

Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.3:

Does Black Hills or West River anticipate any future service right exceptions in these areas proposed to be exchanged?

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.3:

Black Hills Power and/or West River Electric do not anticipate any future service right exceptions in the area proposed to be exchanged.

Responder: Ken Meirose – Black Hills Power, Inc. and Matt Schmahl – West River Electric Association, Inc.

Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.4:

Refer to Revised Exhibit A, Revised Legal Description. Please file a revised exhibit correcting the following:

- a. 7. THENCE continue south to the SW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 of T2N, R7E, 8. – the “8.” appears to be in error.
- b. 9. THENCE continue south to the SW corner of the of Section 15 of T2N, R7E. – please remove the extra “the of”.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.4:

Please see the attached.

Responder: Jason Keil

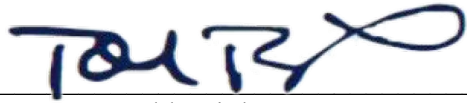
Attachments: Revised Exhibit A – Legal Description

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify the foregoing document was filed through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website as a nondocketed filing this 20th day of December, 2024 and served on the following:

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