

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY LAKE)
REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR)
APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC)
SERVICE FROM OTTER TAIL POWER)
COMPANY TO LAKE REGION ELECTRIC)
ASSOCIATION)

ORDER FOR APPROVAL OF
TRANSFER OF ASSIGNED
ELECTRIC SERVICE
TERRITORY

EL97-021

On October 23, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Lake Region Electric Association, Inc. (LREA) requesting approval of an assignment of electric service territory. According to the filing, "LREA received a request for service outside its territorial boundaries. The request is for three phase power to serve the main lift station for the Pickerel Lake Sanitation Association." Otter Tail Power Company (OTPC) currently has the authority to provide service to this territory. OTPC would have to build one mile of three phase line to serve the lift station. LREA has a three phase line within 250 feet of the proposed service for the lift station.

The filing listed the property at issue as follows:

Lots 13 and 14, Block 6, Webster Pickerel Lake Park Subdivision in Lot 3 of Section 35, Township 124N, Range 53 W, in Day County, South Dakota

On November 18, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request. Commission Staff recommended granting approval of the assignment of electric service territory.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that this agreement will promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities. The Commission therefore concludes that the assignment of electric service agreement is in the public interest and that it shall be approved. It is therefore

ORDERED that the request for approval of the assignment of electric service territory as described herein is hereby granted and is effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of December, 1997.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Allyne Keels</i></u>
Date: <u>12/5/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner