

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY TURNER-)
HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION TO)
SERVICE ON ASSIGNED AREAS BETWEEN)
TURNER-HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND LINCOLN-UNION)
ELECTRIC COMPANY)

ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF SERVICE
RIGHTS EXCEPTION

EL98-011

On May 26, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (THEC) seeking approval of an Exception to Service on Assigned Areas signed by both THEC and Lincoln-Union Electric Company (LUEC). Under the proposed agreement, THEC consents that LUEC may extend facilities into THEC's territory to provide electric service to the trailer house owned by Mrs. Lorrie Dunkelberger of Hurley, South Dakota. The Commission received a letter from Mrs. Lorrie Dunkelberger on July 7, 1998, consenting to the proposed territorial exception allowing LUEC to provide her electric service. The proposed agreement is "specifically limited to said residence for as long as service is needed at that location."

THEC and LUEC have entered into an agreement entitled "EXCEPTION TO SERVICE ON ASSIGNED AREAS," dated May 21, 1998, by THEC and LUEC.

The residence to be served by LUEC is located in the "Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Range 53 West, Township 98 North, Turner County."

On July 23, 1998, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered THEC's request for approval of the service rights exception agreement. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the service rights exception is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that THEC's request seeking approval of service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of August, 1998.

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: Debraine Kalbs

Date: 8/6/98

(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