

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER GRANTING
MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)	APPROVAL OF SERVICE
INC. AND THE CITY OF MCLAUGHLIN)	RIGHTS TERRITORY
REGARDING A SERVICE RIGHTS TERRITORY)	EXCEPTION
EXCEPTION AGREEMENT)	EL98-014

On June 9, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MGEC) and the City of McLaughlin (McLaughlin) seeking approval of an agreement for a service rights territory exception. McLaughlin is constructing a new landfill operation and is in need of electrical service to the landfill building. The area in need of electrical service is currently in MGEC's assigned service area. Both entities agree that McLaughlin should extend its service lines to the landfill building. MGEC has consented to the service rights exception and will allow McLaughlin to provide service to the landfill building "for the life of such building up to a maximum of 1200 kw hours per month"

MGEC and McLaughlin have entered into an agreement entitled "Second Amended Consent and Agreement for Electric Service in Assigned Territory of Another Electric Supplier," (Second Amended Agreement) dated July 13, 1998, and have filed same along with maps delineating the affected territories.

The area to be served by McLaughlin is described as:

The "Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 6, Township 21, North Range 27 East of the Black Hills meridian in Corson County, containing 39.97 acres more or less."

On August 4, 1998, as an addendum to a duly noticed meeting, the Commission reviewed the Second Amended Agreement. Commission Staff noted the Second Amended Agreement indicates the service rights exception is to last for the life of the building and recommended Commission approval.

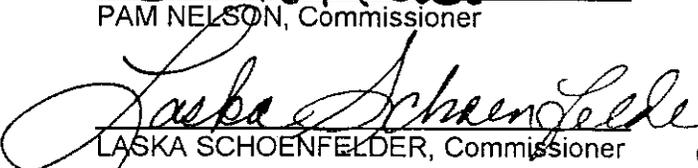
The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. The Commission finds the service rights exception is in the public interest and approval of the Second Amended Agreement shall be granted. As the Commission's final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

ORDERED that the request seeking approval of the service rights territory exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th 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: <u><i>Debbie Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/14/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner