

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST) FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY) BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THE CITY) OF FORT PIERRE AND WEST CENTRAL) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION EL02-017
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On August 16, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by the City of Fort Pierre (City) and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (West Central) for approval of an agreement with respect to territorial service areas. The joint agreement provides that the following territory shall become the service territory of the City of Fort Pierre: the South one-half of the Southeast one-fourth of Section 17, and the South one-half of the Southwest one-fourth of Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 31 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Stanley County, South Dakota, and land immediately to the east thereof, extending to the Missouri River, which provides the eastern boundary of said area, the foregoing parcels lying adjacent and immediately north of the north boundary line of the city limits of the City of Fort Pierre.

On August 22, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 6, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On September 9, 2002, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from the Frontier Road Homeowners Association (Frontier).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-42, 49-34A-48, 49-34A-49, 49-34A-50 and 49-34A-55.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of September 24, 2002, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of Frontier is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of October, 2002.

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>Waldemar Kaelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/4/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner