

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN CENTRAL ELECTRIC)	EXCEPTION TO THE
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND THE CITY OF)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
PLANKINTON)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL05-005

On March 7, 2005, Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric) and the City of Plankinton (City) filed a joint Service Rights Exception Agreement for Commission approval. Central Electric is seeking approval of an exception to provide service to a sign located in the service territory of the City. The sign is located on the north side of Interstate 90 at Exit 308. The owners of the sign and the real property upon which the sign is located are Floyd and Sandra Noble d/b/a Cabin Fever Motel and RV Park. The Cabin Fever sign is located within Lot D of F & S Noble's First Addition, a subdivision of the unplatted portion of the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 22, and the unplatted portion of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 22, all lying east of Main Street of the city of Plankinton, Township 103 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. The parties to this agreement agree that the public interest would be served by Central Electric providing electrical service to the sign. Specifically, the parties would avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and Central Electric would provide adequate electric service to the Cabin Fever sign and the arrangement would promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 12, 2005, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that Central Electric may provide electrical service to the Cabin Fever sign as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Central Electric and City. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of April, 2005.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Melaine Kalbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>4/18/05</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner