

**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 WEST) CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.) AND WEST RIVER ELECTRIC) ASSOCIATION, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE EL06-009
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On March 27, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (West Central) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change between West Central and West River Electric Association, Inc. (West River). West Central agrees to transfer to West River Section 6, Township 6 North, Range 18 East of the Black Hills Meridian, Haakon County, South Dakota. Craig L. Hanrahan, the current property owner, is in agreement with the change.

On April 11, 2006, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the boundary change will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and help minimize operational challenges. The Commission concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between West Central and West River is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of April, 2006.

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>Helaine Kalbs</i></u>
Date: <u><i>4/27/06</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner