

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS)
EXCEPTION BETWEEN OTTER TAIL POWER)
COMPANY AND KINGSBURY ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC.)**

**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION TO THE
ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY
EL08-012**

On May 7, 2008, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) and Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Kingsbury) filed for Commission approval of a service territory exception to allow Kingsbury to serve customer Midstate Agronomy located in OTP's service territory. The customer is located on the South 654.93 feet of the Southwest Quarter, except the East 855 feet thereof, and except Lot H-2 located therein of Section 28, Township 111, Range 56, Kingsbury County. Midstate Agronomy requests temporary service from Kingsbury until the completion of OTP extending its facilities to customer and other new customers in the area.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 20, 2008, 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 Kingsbury may provide temporary electrical service to Midstate Agronomy 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 OTP and Kingsbury. 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 28th day of May, 2008.

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>Hilaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>5/29/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner