

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC)
SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRAND)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND)
BUTTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.)**

**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
TERRITORY BOUNDARY
CHANGES**

EL12-019

On February 29, 2012, Commission Staff filed an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information.

On March 1, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 16, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 10, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested approval of the agreement in order to update official electric service territory mapping data to accurately reflect current service territories served by the utilities. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-43 and 49-34A-55. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the agreement to update mapping data to reflect current electric service territory boundaries shared by Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of April, 2012.

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, electronically.
By: <u><i>Joy Lundy</i></u>
Date: <u>04-17-12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission

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GARY HANSON, Commission