

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT ) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL  
REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF A ) OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE  
SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN ) RIGHTS EXCEPTION  
WEST CENTRAL ELECTRIC )  
COOPERATIVE, INC., AND OAHE ) EL16-038  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )**

On December 7, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request from West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central electric) and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc., (Oahe Electric) for a revocation of a service rights exception. The original service rights exception was granted in EL92-009. After plans outlined in EL92-009 never came to fruition, the companies entered into an agreement to revoke their prior agreement.

On December 8, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 23, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 17, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Joint Request for revocation of a service rights exception. Finding that that the revocation of the service rights exception is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Joint Request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for revocation of an Electric Service Rights Exception between Central Electric and Oahe Electric is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of January, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>1/19/2017</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner