

**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 OAHÉ ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND CITY OF ONIDA)
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**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF
THE AMENDMENT
TO THE AGREEMENT
FROM EL14-015**

EL17-052

On December 7, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter of understanding from Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Oahe Electric) and the City of Onida (Onida) seeking to inform the Commission of their agreement to maintain the current electric service territory boundary after a city annexation of the land.

On March 14, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 29, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On December 27, 2017, Onida and Oahe Electric responded to Commission staff's (staff) data requests. On March 20, 2018, staff filed an amendment to the previous electric service territory agreement filed in EL14-015, signed by Oahe Electric and Onida.

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 April 3, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL14-015. Finding that the agreement will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to customers affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of Oahe Electric's and Onida's electric systems, and is based on the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL14-015. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL14-015 is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of April 2018.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>4/9/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner