

**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 BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA )  
BLACK HILLS ENERGY AND WEST RIVER )  
ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. )**

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

**EL18-044**

On October 17, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from the Commission's staff (Staff) regarding an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement (Agreement) Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) and West River Electric Association, Inc. (WREA). 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. Commission staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

On October 18, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 2, 2018, 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, 49-34A-43, and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 15, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. 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. 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 the WREA and the BHE is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of November 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: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 11/16/18

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner