

**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 BLACK HILLS)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)

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

EL19-001

On January 15, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from the Commission's staff (Staff) regarding an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement (Agreement) between Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. This filing was made pursuant to current efforts of the Commission 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, Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Staff requested approval of the Agreement to update the official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

On January 17, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 1, 2019, 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 February 15, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Staff requested approval of the Agreement in order to update the official electric service territory mapping data to accurately reflect the 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 the mapping data to reflect the current electric service territory boundaries shared by Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of February 2019.

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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>02/21/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner