

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED ELECTRIC )  
SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLACK HILLS )  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND BLACK )  
HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK HILLS )  
ENERGY )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
APPROVAL OF AMENDED  
ELECTRIC SERVICE  
TERRITORY BOUNDARY  
AGREEMENT  
  
EL20-001**

On January 7, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request from Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BHEC) and Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) seeking to modify existing service territory boundaries in Sections 28, 33, and 34 of Township 1 South, Range 5 East, Pennington County, South Dakota.

On January 16, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 24, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 27, 2020, Commission staff filed an Addendum, signed by both companies, agreeing to amend the existing electric service territory boundary agreement from EL19-001 (Amended Agreement). At the February 18, 2020, Commission meeting the matter was deferred. On February 27, 2020, a revised Exhibit C and a revised Exhibit D were filed into the docket.

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 March 6, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Amended Agreement in order to update the official electric service territory mapping data to accurately reflect current service territories served by BHEC and BHE. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Amended Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the Amended Agreement to update the mapping data to reflect the current electric service territory boundaries shared by BHEC and BHE is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

<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. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>03/09/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner