

**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**

**EL20-031**

On October 29, 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) requesting to modify territory lines in several spots across both systems in order to benefit future customers due to the placement of current facilities.

On November 5, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 20, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 16, 2020, updated maps and legal descriptions were filed. This matter was deferred at the November 24, 2020, meeting so that the parties could file updated information. On December 2, 2020, revised legal descriptions and Exhibits E, F, G, and H 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 December 9, 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 the current service territories served by BHEC and BHE. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Amended Agreement subject to an amendment revising the legal description in Exhibit D. 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 subject to an amendment revising the legal description in Exhibit D.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 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. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>12/15/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner