

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR ASSIGNED SERVICE TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN WATERTOWN)	EXCEPTION TO THE
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
CODINGTON-CLARK ELECTRIC)	SERVICE TERRITORY
COOPERATIVE, INC.)	EL00-025

On September 6, 2000, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for an exception to assigned service territory for the services on a portion of the electric distribution system purchased by Watertown Municipal Utilities from Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative. Watertown Municipal Utilities Department has purchased 2.7 miles of electric distribution system on the east side of Watertown from Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative. Both companies, as well as the owner of one active service to a lighted highway sign, signed the joint request.

The description of the location to be served by Watertown Municipal Utilities is:

the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 34, Township 117N, Range 52 W in Codington County, South Dakota.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 26, 2000, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the joint request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October, 2000.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kelbo

Date: 10/2/00

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner