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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Request of the Detroit Lakes Public Utilities and  
Wild Rice Electric Cooperative to Modify Electric Service Territory  
Boundaries  
MPUC Docket: \_\_\_\_\_  
Our File No.: 61623-003

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I represent Detroit Lakes Public Utilities, a municipal utility duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota (the "Municipal"), which is authorized, on behalf of itself and Wild Rice Electric Cooperative (the "Cooperative") (collectively, the "Parties"), to make this filing.

Summary of the Joint Request

This filing constitutes the Parties' joint request under Minn. Stat. § 216B.39, subd. 3, that the MPUC modify the Parties' service territory boundaries. This joint request concerns the permanent transfer of two areas within the city limits of the City of Detroit Lakes known as Long Lake Area III and Long Lake Area IV (the "Transfer Areas"). The Transfer Areas are located within the electric service territory assigned to the Cooperative.

Legal Authorities

By statute, "the commission may on its own or at the request of an electric utility make changes in the boundaries of the assigned service areas, but only after notice and

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hearing . . . “ Minn. Stat. § 216B.39, subd. 3. In addition, “no electric utility shall render or extend electric service at retail within the assigned service area of another electric utility unless the electric utility consents thereto in writing . . . “ Minn. Stat. § 216B.40 (2014). In the present case, the Parties seek to adjust the service territory boundaries to permanently transfer the Transfer Areas to the Municipal’s assigned service territory. The Parties have agreed upon appropriate compensation. The Parties request that the Commission update its official records as to electric service territory boundaries.

#### Underlying Information

1. Exhibits A and B: Transfer Areas. Attached as Exhibit A is a map and Exhibit B is a legal description that depict the boundaries of the Transfer Areas. The Transfer Areas include approximately 378 acres. The Parties have agreed to the terms and conditions for the transfer of the Transfer Areas, including compensation provisions, after arms-length negotiations. Although the Transfer Areas currently contain approximately 75 residential and 20 small commercial customers, the Parties agreed that the Cooperative will continue to serve the Transfer Areas on a service-by-exception basis until the Parties have arranged the transfer of electric service. Accordingly, no customers have changed providers at this point.

#### Customer Notice

The Parties acknowledge that the Commission wishes to direct separate notice to customers as to the pending proceeding before the Commission. The Parties will provide this notice to all customers in the Transfer Areas, and will update the Commission via separate filing.

#### Contact Information

If there are any questions concerning this filing, you may contact the following representatives:

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Request

The Parties therefore petition the Commission to accept and file these documents and provide due acknowledgment thereof. The Parties further request that the Commission provide evidence of its acknowledgment of these changes of service territory boundaries, and the updating of the official service territory records.

Proposed Service List

A copy of this letter and the accompanying documents has been mailed or emailed to the persons on the enclosed proposed service list.

Please contact the representatives above if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

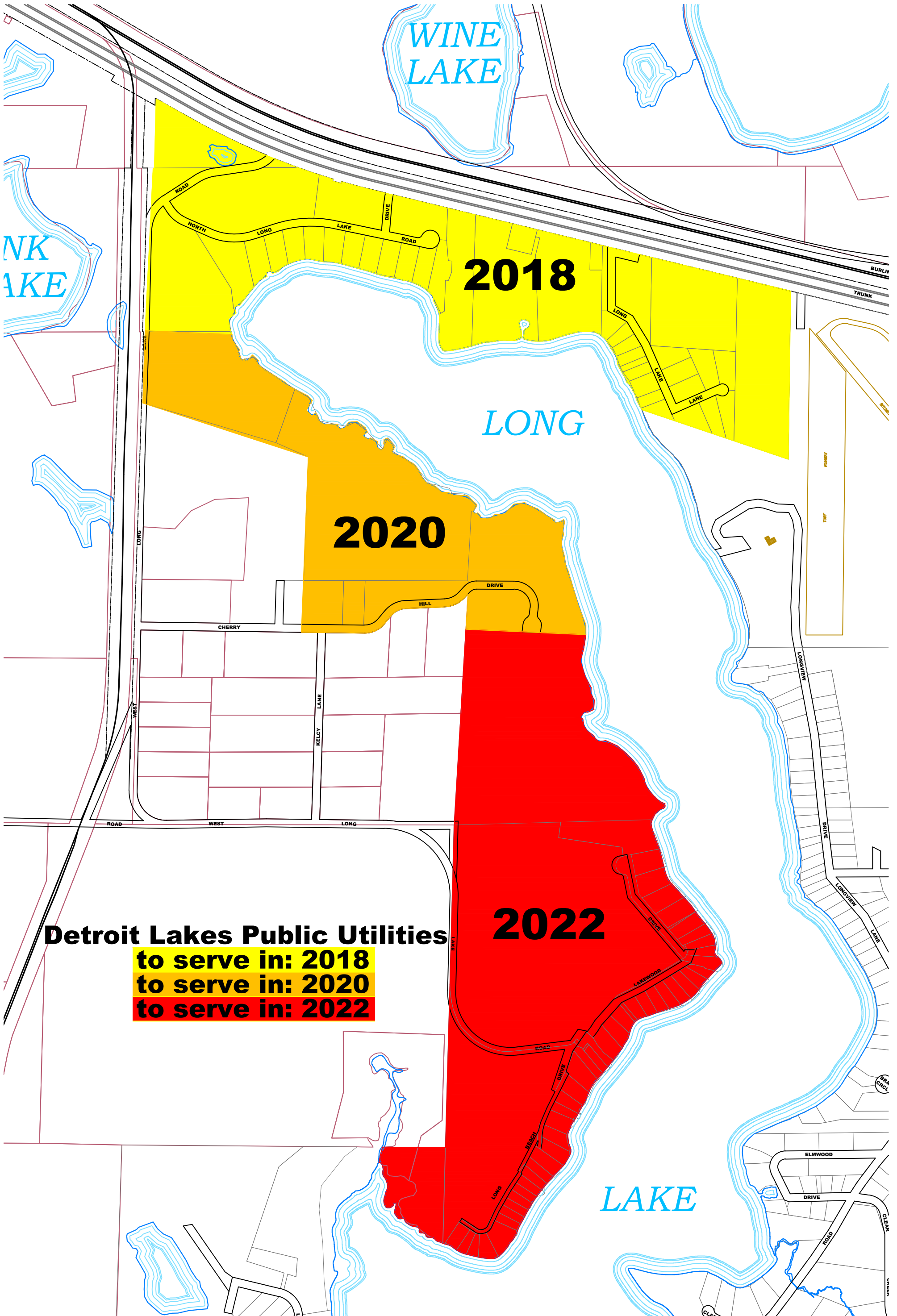


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Enclosures

cc (w/encl.): Proposed Service List

**EXHIBIT A**



**Detroit Lakes Public Utilities**  
**to serve in: 2018**  
**to serve in: 2020**  
**to serve in: 2022**

**EXHIBIT B**  
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

**Long Lake Area III (2018 Projected Timing)**

That portion of Sections 19, 29 and 30 of Township 134 North, Range 41 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

All that portion of the east half of said Section 19 lying southerly of the U.S. Highway 10 right of way line;

And

All that portion of Government Lots Three and Four of said Section 30 lying southerly of the U.S. Highway 10 right of way line;

And

All that portion of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 29 lying southerly of the U.S. Highway 10 right of way line not already included in Long Lake legal description number one. Said tract contains 129 acres.

**Long Lake Area IV (2020, 2022 Projected Timing)**

That portion of Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32 of Township 139 North, Range 41 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Beginning at that point in Government Lot 7 of Section 31 which is the point of intersection of the westerly extension of the north line of Government Lot 9 of Section 32 with the shore of Long Lake; thence East on the extension of the north line of said Government Lot 9 to the west line of Section 32; thence North on the west line of Section 32 of the Southwest Corner of Section 29; thence North on the west line of Section 29 to the south line of Cherry Hill Drive according to the plat of Cherry Hill Beach on file at the office of the Becker County Recorder; thence westerly on the south line of Cherry Hill Drive to the intersection with the west line of Government Lot 1 of Section 30; thence North on the west line of said Government Lot 1 to the point of intersection with the following described line:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of Section 30, Township 139 North, Range 41 West; thence South 01 degree 16 minutes West on an assumed bearing along the north-south quarter line of said Section 30 1915.93 feet to the point of beginning of the line described herein; thence South 73 degrees 26 minutes East to the point of intersection with the west line of Government Lot 1 and there terminating.

Thence North 73 degrees 26 minutes West along the above described line to the north-south quarter line of Section 30; thence North on the north-south quarter line of Section 30 to the South line of Government Lot 4 of Section 30; thence East on the south line of said Government Lot 4 to the shore of Long Lake; thence southerly along the shoreline of Long Lake to the point of beginning and there terminating.

Said tract contains 249 acres more or less

## PROPOSED SERVICE LIST

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