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VIA E-FILING
Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: In the Matter of a Petition for Approval of a Service Territory Agreement between
Federated Rural Electric Association and Lakefield Public Utilities, City of Lakefield
Docket No

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed for filing please find the Joint Petition between Federated Rural Electric Association ("FREA") and Lakefield Public Utilities, City of Lakefield ("LPU"). Hereinafter referenced collectively as the "Parties".

#### Summary of Joint Request

Pursuant to Minn. Statute 216B.39, subd. 3, FREA and LPU petition the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for approval to modify the Parties' service territory boundaries. This joint request concerns the transfer of areas (Affected Area) located within the city limits of Lakefield, Minnesota, and within the designated service territory assigned to FREA as further described below.

## **Legal Authority**

Pursuant to Minn. Statute 216B.44, LPU may acquire the right to serve any area within its corporate boundaries so long as the municipality pays an agreed upon compensation to the displaced utility currently designated the service territory. Also, in Minn. Statute 216B.39 subd. 3, "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 hearing..." Additionally in Minn. Statute 216B.40, "no electric utility shall render or extend service at retail within the assigned service area of another electric utility unless the electric utility consents thereto in writing..." In this docket, the Parties seek to adjust the service boundaries to permanently transfer the Affected Area to LPU's assigned service territory and provide a "service by exception" for a single location for FREA's assigned service territory. The Parties have agreed upon appropriate compensation and request the Commission update its official records as to electric service territory boundaries.

#### Description of Affected Area

A map, Exhibit A, is attached that shows the boundaries of the Affected Area and the single location that is to be service area by exemption. The Affected Area is separated into two parts. The first area referred to as the "Annexed Area" is a recent extension of the City of Lakefield's corporate boundary. This area is currently undeveloped properties that have been agreed upon by the Parties to become a permanent part of LPU's assigned service territory. No existing customers are affected.

The second area, referred to as the "Existing Municipal Services Area," is an area which has been served by LPU since its existence but is identified as the assigned service territory of FREA. The Parties have agreed this area will also become a permanent part of the LPU's assigned service territory. Customers in the area will not be affected as there will be no change in the electric service provider.

The single location that is to be a "service by exception" is a three-phase account currently served by FREA within the assigned service territory of LPU. The Parties agree this single location will become a "service by exception" for FREA's assigned service territory. The customer at this location will not be affected as there will be no change in the electric service provider.

In addition to the map in Exhibit A, a GIS file will be emailed to MNGeo upon Commission Approval of this petition.

#### **Parties Contact Information**

For additional requested information or question the Parties' contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,

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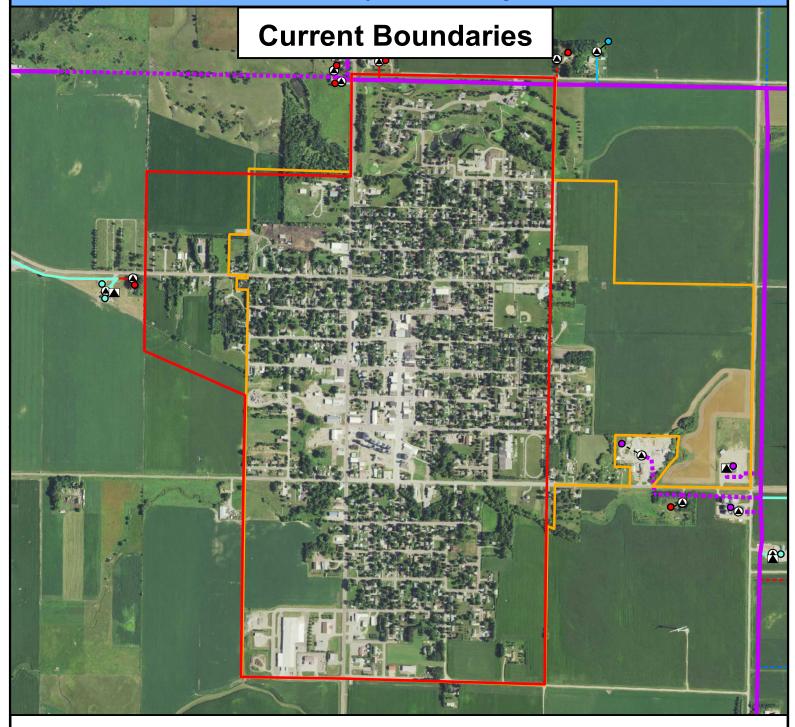
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## **Exhibit A**

- Current Service Territory Boundaries
- Proposed Service Territory Boundaries
- Proposed Service Territory Boundaries with Descriptions of Modifications

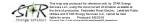
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## **Aerial**

2018 ESRI - World Imagery

Date: 8/8/2018

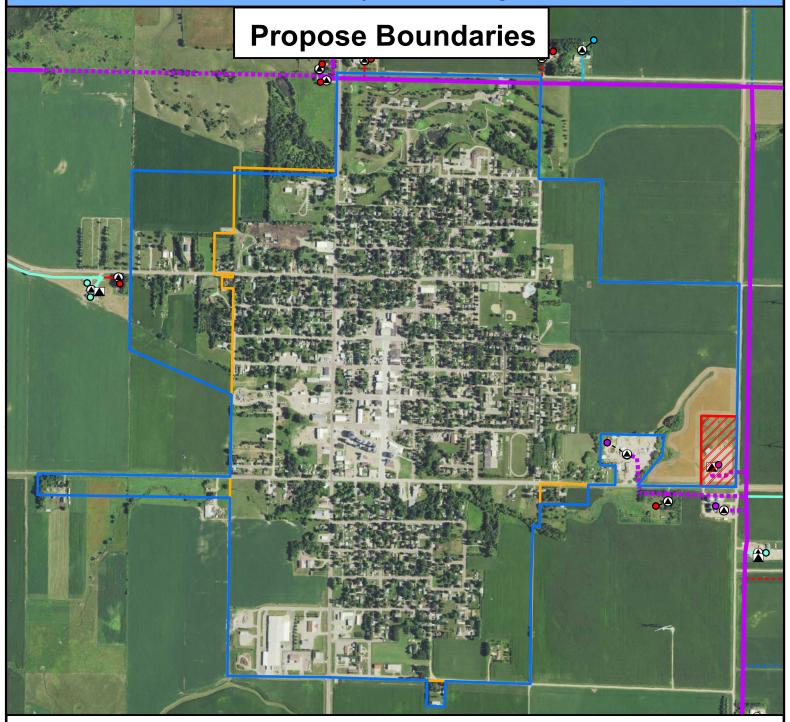
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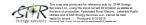
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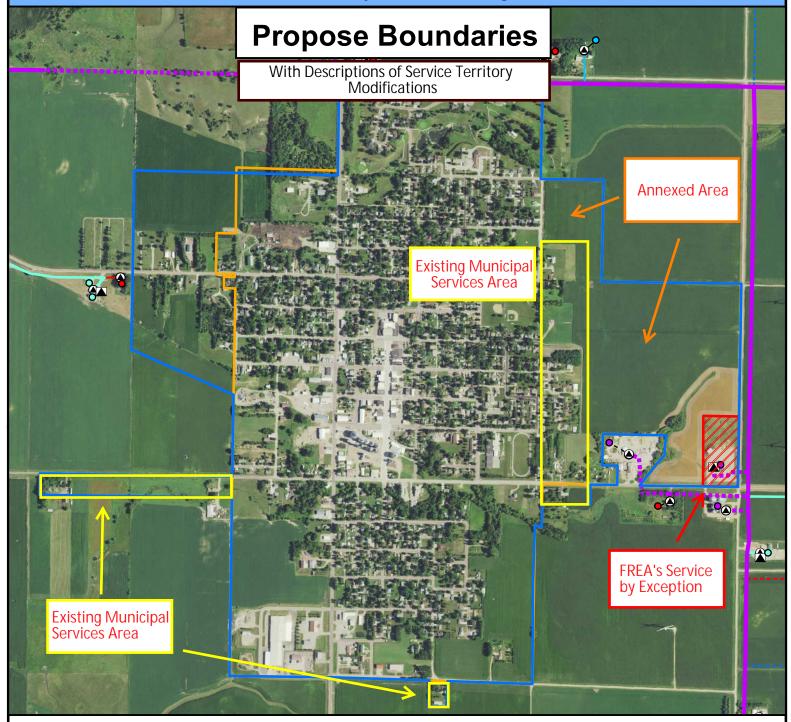
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