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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING** 

Will Seuffert
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
350 Metro Square Building
121 Seventh Place East
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Request of Madelia Municipal Light and Power and South Central Electric Association to Modify Electric Service Territory

Boundaries
MPUC Docket: \_\_\_\_\_

Our File No.: 63761-0001

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

I represent Madelia Municipal Light and Power, 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 South Central Electric Association, a rural electric cooperative utility duly organized and existing under the laws of Minnesota (the "Cooperative") (collectively, the "Parties"), to make this filing.

#### Summary of the Joint Request

This filing constitutes the Parties' joint request that the MPUC update the official service territory map to reflect an agreed-upon change in the Parties' electric service territory boundaries. This joint request concerns the permanent transfer of one area located within the electric service territory assigned to the Cooperative (identified as the "Affected Area"), as further described below.

#### **Legal Authorities**

Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 216B.44(a), a municipal utility expands its assigned electric service territory, upon reaching agreement with the neighboring utility as to compensation. 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 (2018).

In the present case, the transfer has occurred pursuant to Sections 216B.40 and 216.44: the Affected Area lies within the Cooperative's assigned service territory; the Parties have agreed upon appropriate compensation; and although there are no current customers, the parties agreed to the Municipal assuming the right and obligation to provide service effective January 1, 2021. Accordingly, the Parties request that the Commission update its official records as to electric service territory boundaries to reflect the Parties' permanent change in the Affected Area.

#### **Underlying Information**

Attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a map that depicts the boundaries of the Affected Area (shown with orange and yellow boundary). The Affected Area involves approximately 75.70 acres. There are no current customers in the Affected Area. As to future customers, the Parties have agreed that the Municipal has the obligation and right to serve any customers in the Affected Area as of January 1, 2021.

The Parties do not have a legal description of the Affected Area. They will cooperate to provide any additional information that the Commission or MnGeo may require to complete the change in the official service territory map.

In terms of notice to customers, there are currently no customers in the Affected Area. If a customer should locate in the Affected Area, the Municipal shall provide notice of this proceeding and arrange filing thereof.

#### **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,

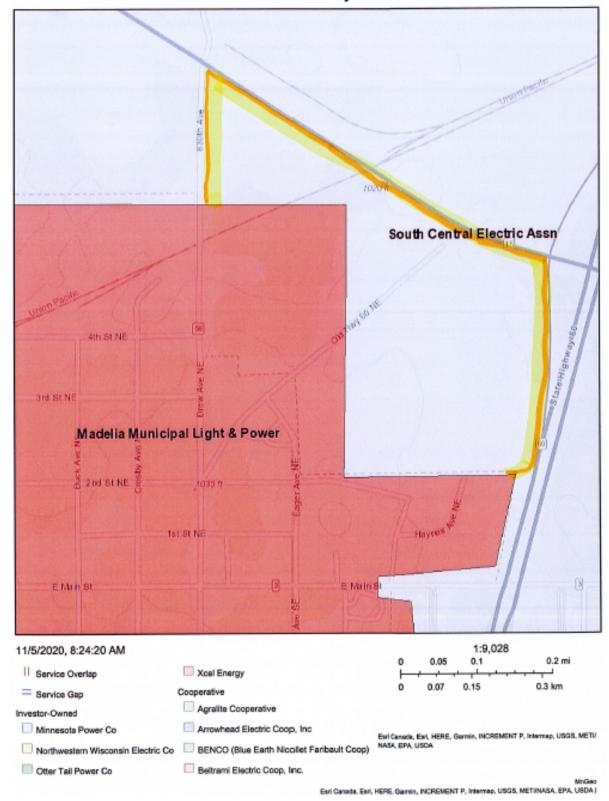
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Enclosure

cc (w/encl.): Proposed Service List

## **EXHIBIT A: MAP OF AFFECTED AREA**

# Minnesota Electric Utility Service Areas



### PROPOSED SERVICE LIST

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