

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 -- 7th Place E
Suite 350
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

June 15, 2016

RE: Docket No. 16-480

**Correction to name of township on documents previously submitted
requesting permanent boundary change of assigned service area**

Federated Rural Electric Association ("Federated") and Nobles Cooperative Electric ("Nobles") recently filed jointly for a service area extension and permanent boundary change. Documents regarding the request were submitted June 1, 2016.

Since filing, we became aware that the name of the township and legal description was missing the word "Lakes" in the name of the township, "Graham Lakes Township".

Thus, we are requesting the attached pages to the identified documents be replaced so the documents reflect the correct name and legal description of the property. **The only change made to these document pages is that the word "Lakes" is included in the name of the Township, "Graham Lakes Township" instead of "Graham Township".**

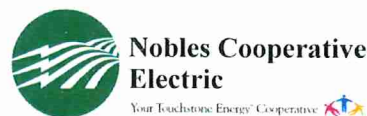
Please note we have made the revision to include the word "Lakes" to the name Graham Lakes Township to the following documents and ask that you replace the attached pages as noted:

1. **DOCUMENT:** Cover letter to Minnesota Public Utilities Commission -- RE: Joint Letter Requesting Permanent Boundary Change of Assigned Service Area.
Revision made on Page 1.
2. **DOCUMENT:** Joint Petition of Federated Rural Electric Association and Nobles Cooperative Electric.
Revision made on Pages 1 and 2.
3. **DOCUMENT:** Agreement for Confirmation and Realignment of Electric Service Territory.
Two revisions made on Page 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Reimer".

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June 1, 2016

RE: Joint Letter Requesting Permanent Boundary Change of Assigned Service Area

Greetings.

Federated Rural Electric Association ("Federated") and Nobles Cooperative Electric ("Nobles") are filing jointly for a service area extension and permanent boundary change. Federated and Nobles have agreed that the service area in and in close proximity to the town of Kinbrae, Minnesota, should be assigned from Nobles to Federated. The Kinbrae service area was recently acquired from Interstate Power and Light Company (a/k/a Alliant) by Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (of which both Federated and Nobles are members) and was subsequently assigned to Nobles. Nobles currently serves the 21 customers in the Kinbrae service area; such service is from and through a substation owned and operated by Federated; and Nobles pays wheeling fees to Federated.

Please note the following.

1. **Contact information** for both cooperatives is as follows:

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2. The **legal description** of the property in question is as follows:

All of Section Two (2) and Section Eleven (11) in Graham Lakes Township, Nobles County, Minnesota, not already included in Federated's assigned service area.

3. The **agreement is consistent with Minn. Stat. §216B.39**. As related above, Nobles presently serves customers in the subject area through a substation

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. _____

**In the Matter of a Petition for Approval of an
Agreement for Confirmation and Realignment
of Electric Service Area Between Federated
Rural Electric Association and Nobles
Cooperative Electric**

**JOINT PETITION OF
FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION AND
NOBLES COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC**

I. INTRODUCTION

Federated Rural Electric Association (“Federated”) and Nobles Cooperative Electric (“Nobles”) hereby petition the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) for approval of an AGREEMENT FOR CONFIRMATION AND REALIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY to make changes to the boundaries of the assigned service areas of each electric utility.

II. BACKGROUND

Federated and Nobles are cooperative associations duly organized and existing under the laws of Minnesota. Each owns and operates a system for distribution of electric energy within an assigned service area, and each is a member of Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative.

Nobles recently acquired from Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative the right to serve customers in Kinbrae, Minnesota. However, Nobles does not have facilities in place necessary to serve customers in Kinbrae, Minnesota, and in the other parts of sections 2 and 11, Graham Lakes Township, Nobles County, Minnesota (the “Kinbrae ASA”). Federated does have facilities in place necessary to serve customers in the Kinbrae ASA. Consequently, Nobles must either [i] construct approximately 4.5 miles of three phase line in order to serve customers in the Kinbrae ASA, or [ii] pay to Federated a wheeling fee to serve those customers. Nobles and Federated

have negotiated and executed an AGREEMENT FOR CONFIRMATION AND REALIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY to assign to Federated all of Nobles' [a] rights to serve customers in the Kinbrae ASA, and [b] right, title, interest and equity in and to all elements of the system for distribution of electric energy in the Kinbrae ASA.

III. SERVICE AREA EXTENSION AGREEMENTS CHECKLIST

In compliance with the Commission's recent orders and procedures for service area adjustments, Federated and Nobles have included herein the Commission's CHECKLIST FOR CONTENT OF AGREED UPON SERVICE AREA EXTENSION AGREEMENTS.

1. *A cover letter with the submitter's full contact information, including where to provide electronic service.*

See the accompanying cover letter. The submitters' full contact information is:

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2. *A joint letter explaining the change. Letter includes contact information for both utilities (name, title, phone number, work address, e-mail address). Contact information is:*

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Letter includes a legal description of the property in question.

The legal description of the property in question is as follows:

**All of Sections Two (2) and Eleven (11) in Graham Lakes Township,
Nobles County, Minnesota, not already included within Federated's
assigned service area.**

Federated Rural Electric Association / Nobles Cooperative Electric
AGREEMENT FOR CONFIRMATION AND REALIGNMENT
OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between **Federated Rural Electric Association**, a cooperative association under the laws of the State of Minnesota (“Federated”), and **Nobles Cooperative Electric**, also a cooperative association under the laws of the State of Minnesota (“Nobles”).

Recitals

- A.** Federated and Nobles distribute electricity to customers within an assigned service area (“ASA”).
- B.** Federated and Nobles are members of Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative.
- C.** Nobles recently acquired from Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative the right to serve customers in Kinbrae, Minnesota.
- D.** Nobles must construct additional facilities in order to serve customers in the Kinbrae ASA.
- E.** Federated has facilities in place to serve customers in the Kinbrae ASA.
- F.** Federated and Nobles have agreed upon and desire to reduce to writing terms pursuant to which Nobles’ right to serve customers in – and its facilities in – Kinbrae, Minnesota, and other areas in Section Two (2) and Section Eleven (11) in Graham Lakes Township, Nobles County, Minnesota, may be transferred from Nobles to Federated.

Agreement

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, IT IS AGREED by and between Federated and Nobles as follows:

1. Transfer to Federated. Subject to the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and to receipt of necessary approvals from regulatory agencies and lien holders,

A. Nobles shall and does hereby release and assign, transfer and convey to Federated all of Nobles’ rights to provide electric service to customers located within the service area described as follows (hereinafter the “Kinbrae ASA”):

All of Section Two (2) and Section Eleven (11) in Graham Lakes Township, Nobles County, Minnesota, not already included within Federated’s assigned service area.