

E-002, 124/SA-91-424 ORDER APPROVING CHANGES IN ASSIGNED SERVICE
AREAS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition of
Minnesota Valley Electric
Cooperative and Northern States
Power Company to Adjust Their
Mutual Service-Territory
Boundary

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 5, 1991, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative (MVEC) and Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a joint petition requesting changes in their mutual service area boundaries. The utilities' proposal stems from development along Vernon Avenue in the city of Savage, Minnesota. When 1974 service territory maps were filed, boundaries were established following a presumed extension of Vernon Avenue along a north/south axis. When actual extensions occurred, Vernon Avenue was set along two curves which do not follow the north/south axis. As a result, a portion of a development which NSP is serving lies within MVEC's assigned service territory. The utilities wish to reassign this portion from MVEC to NSP. In addition, the utilities wish to transfer service rights in two areas next to Vernon Avenue from NSP to MVEC. There are currently no customers in any of the three subject areas.

On June 24, 1991, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments in support of the utilities' proposed boundary changes.

On July 16, 1991, the Commission issued a Notice of Commission Meeting to interested parties.

The matter came before the Commission for consideration on July 30, 1991.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.39, subd. 3, the Commission has the jurisdiction to change utility service area boundaries after notice and hearing.

In this case, no customers will experience a disruption in service as a result of the proposed changes. No comments in opposition to the boundary revision were received. Area residents will benefit because the revised service territories will be consistent with the logical boundary of Vernon Avenue. Residents of the development served by NSP will all be served by one electricity provider.

The Commission finds that the proposed revisions to the utilities' service territory boundaries are in the public interest. The Commission will approve the boundary revisions.

ORDER

1. The proposed service area boundary changes are approved.
2. The Department of Public Service shall revise the official service area maps to reflect the boundary changes approved herein.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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