(Decision No. 70864)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., A COLORADO CORPORATION, FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RENDER ELECTRIC SERVICE IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE COUNTIES OF MINERAL, HINSDALE, SAGUACHE AND RIO GRANDE, COLORADO.

APPLICATION NO. 22991

February 13,1968

Appearances: Wm. O. DeSouchet, Jr., Esq., Alamosa, Colorado, for Applicant; J. M. McNulty, Denver, Colorado, E. R. Thompson, Denver, Colorado, of the Staff of the Commission.

STATEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 2, 1968, the above-entitled application was filed with the Commission by the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Applicant), requesting an extension of its existing certificate of public convenience and necessity to render electric service in certain areas in the Counties of Mineral, Hinsdale, Saguache and Rio Grande, all in the State of Colorado.

The matter was set for hearing after due notice to all interested persons, firms or corporations on January 23, 1968, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 532 State Services Building, Denver, Colorado, and was there heard by Commissioner Edwin R. Lundborg on a joint record with Application No. 22992-Securities. Upon conclusion of the hearing the matter was taken under advisement.

No one appeared at the hearing to intervene or to protest the granting of the extended authority as herein sought.

Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. It is engaged in the business of purchasing, transmission and distribution and sale of electric energy to its customers located in the Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Rio Grande, Mineral, Costilla, Saguache and Hinsdale, all in the State of Colorado, under and by virtue of authority of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission, in Application No. 21147, dated July 27, 1965, and being Decision No. 65447. As of December 31, 1967, Applicant was serving a total of 4,271 customers. Its rates, rules and regulations are presently on file with this Commission. Copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation, together with all amendments to this date, are also on file with the Commission.

Testimony at the hearing revealed that Applicant is desirous of extending its certificate of public convenience and necessity into four additional areas designated as tracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 -- all of which were set forth in Exhibit No. 1, duly admitted into evidence, and made a part hereof by reference. While these respective areas are presently outside the existing certificate held by Applicant, it has nevertheless either extended its lines through these areas or is presently serving customers therein. In accordance with the Public Utility Act (Chapter 115-5-1, CRS 1963), Applicant is permitted to extend into territory not presently served by or certificated to another electric public utility. Further testimony revealed that, in parts of the areas sought, Applicant has had inquiries from additional potential customers for service and that, as a result of the current price of metals, there also appears to be a potential for new mining loads in at least one of the areas. In addition hereto, the additional areas, as sought herein, also include potential recreational sites which probably will require the extension of additional facilities for service by Applicant.

Applicant is financially able to serve the new territory as it has just been granted a loan by the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D.C. (Application No. 22992-Securities, Decision No. 70757).

At the time of the original proceeding when Applicant was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Application No. 21147, the Public Service Company of Colorado had also filed a joint application (No. 21146) requesting a certificate. The Commission by Decision No. 65447, dated July 27, 1965, granted certificates of public convenience and necessity to both parties. The enlargement of the territory to be granted herein will not be in conflict with the aforesaid Decision wherein separate certificates were granted to each of the parties. In our Order to follow we will provide that, except as modified herein by the enlargement of territory, Decision No. 65447 will remain in full force and effect.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

That Applicant is a public utility rendering electric service in Colorado and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

That this Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter of the application herein and is fully advised in the premises.

That Applicant should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the enlargement of territory within which it is authorized to render electric service, as set forth in Exhibit No. 1 by reference made a part hereof.

That, in the Order to follow, the new territory sought by Applicant will be added to its existing certificate of public convenience and necessity.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

That Applicant, San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. be, and hereby is, granted a CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY to extend its services into the area requested herein, being Tracts 1, 2, 3 and 4, as set forth in Exhibit No. 1.

That the boundary of the certificate of public convenience and necessity within which Applicant is permitted to render electric service, including the new areas granted by the instant application, is as follows:

SAN LUIS VALLEY SERVICE AREAS

Beginning at the NE corner of Section 1, T38N, R6E, N.M.P.M.; thence westerly along the north line of T38N to the NW corner of Section 4 in T38N, R5E; thence southerly along the west line of said Section 4 to the SW corner of said Section 4; thence westerly along the south line of Section 5, T38N, R5E, to the SW corner of Section 5; thence southerly along the east line of Section 7, T38N, R5E, to the SE corner of said Section 7; thence westerly along the south line of said Section 7, T38N, R5E, along the south line of Section 12, T38N, R42E, to the SW corner of said Section 12; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 12 and 1, T38N, R4½E and along the west line of Sections 36, 25, 24 and 13, T39N, R4E to the SW corner of Section 12, T39N, R4E; thence westerly along the south line of Sections 11, 10, 9, 8 and 7, T39N, R4E and along the south line of Section 12, T39N, R3½E, to the SE corner of Section 12, T39N, R3E; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 13, 24, 25 and 36, T39N, R3E, and along the east line of Sections 1, 12 and 13, T38N, R3E, to the SE corner of said Section 13; thence westerly along the south line of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, T38N, R3E, to the SW corner of said Section 18; thence southerly along the line between Range 2E and Range 3E to the Continental Divide in the east line of Section 24, T37N, R2E; thence in a northwesterly direction along the Continental Divide to a point on the line between Range 1E and Range 2E in Section 31, T38N, R2E; thence northerly along the line between Range 1E and Range 2E to the SE corner of Section 36, T40N, R1E; thence westerly along the south line of Township 40N, Range 1E, Range 1W and along the south line of Sections 36 and 35, T40N, R2W to the SW corner of Section 35, T40N, R2W; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 35, 26 and 23,

T40N, R2W, to the NW corner of said Section 23; thence westerly along the south line of Sections 15, 16, 17 and 18, T40N, R2W and along the south line of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, T40N, R3W, and along the south line of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, T40N, R4W, to the SW corner of said Section 18; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 18, 7 and 6, T40N, R4W, to the NW corner of said Section 6; thence westerly along the south line of Sections 36 and 35, T41N, R5W, to the SW corner of said Section 35; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 35, 26, 23, 14, 11 and 2, T41N, R5W, and along the west line of Section 35, T42N, R5W, to the Continental Divide; thence in a northeasterly direction along the Continental Divide to a point on the north line of Section 15, T42N, R4W; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 15, 14 and 13, T42N, R4W, and along the north line of Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 and 13, T42N, R3W, to the NE corner of said Section 13; thence southerly along the line between Range 3W and Range 2W to the NW corner of Section 7, T41N, R2W; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 7 and 8, T41N, R2W, to the NE corner of said Section 8; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 8 to the SE corner thereof; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 16 and 15, T41N, R2W, to the NE corner of said Section 15; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 15, 22, 27 and 34, T41N, R2W, to the SE corner of said Section 34; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 2 and 1, T40N, R2W, to the NE corner of said Section 1; thence northerly along the line between Range 2W and Range 1W to the NW corner of Section 6, T42N, R1W; thence easterly along the line between Township 42N and Township 43N to the NE corner of Section 4, T42N, R1E; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 4, 9, 16, 21, 28 and 33, T42N, R1E, to the SE corner of said Section 33; thence easterly along the south line of Sections 34, 35, and 36, T42N, R1E, to the SE corner of said Section 36; thence southerly along the line between Range 1E and Range 2E to the NW corner of Section 19, T41N, R2E; thence easterly along the north

line of Sections 19, 20 and 21, T41N, R2E to the NE corner of said Section 21; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 21 and 28, T41N, R2E, to the SE corner of said Section 28; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 34 and 35, T41N, R2E to the NE corner of said Section 35; thence southerly along the east line of Section 35, T41N, R2E, and along the east line of Section 2, T40N, R2E to the SE corner of said Section 2; thence easterly along the north line of Section 12, T40N, R2E and along the north line of Section 7, T40N, R3E, to the NE corner of said Section 7; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 7 and 18, T40N, R3E, to the SE corner of said Section 18; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23, T40N, R3E to the NE corner of said Section 23; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 13 and 12, T40N, R3E to the NW corner of said Section 12; thence easterly along the north line of Section 12, T40N, R3E, to the NE corner of said Section; thence northerly along the line between Range 3E and Range 4E, to the NW corner of Section 6, T41N, R4E; thence easterly along the line between Township 41N and Township 42N, to the SW corner of Section 31, T42N, R5E; thence northerly along the line between Range 4E and Range 5E to the NW corner of Section 30, T43N, R5E; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25, T43N, R5E, and along the north line of Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 and 25, T43N, R6E, and along the north line of Sections 30, 29 and 28, T43N, R7E, to the NE corner of said Section 28; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 22, 15, 10 and 3, T43N, R7E, and along the west line of Section 34, T44N, R7E to the W1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence easterly along the east-west center lines of Sections 34, 35 and 36, T44N, R7E, and along the east-west center lines of Sections 31, 32 and 33, T44N, R8E, to the SW corner of the E12 NW4 of said Section 33; thence northerly along the west line of said E12 NW14 of said Section 33 to the north line of said Section 33; thence easterly along the north line of said Section 33 to the N4 corner of said Section; thence northerly along the north-south center lines of Sections 28, 21, 16 and 9, T44N, R8E to the center of said Section 9; thence easterly along the east-west center lines of Section 9 and 10, T44N, R8E, to the SW corner of the E NW4 of said Section 10; thence northerly along the west line of said E12 NW4 of said Section 10 and along the west line of the SE4 SW4 of Section 3, T44N, R8E, to the NW corner of said SE4 SW4 of said Section 3; thence easterly along the north lines of the S_{2}^{1} S_{2}^{1} of Sections 3, 2, and 1, T44N, R8E, and along the north line of the $S_{\frac{1}{2}}$ $S_{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Sections 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2, T44N, R9E, to the NW corner of SW¼ SW¼ of Section 1, T44N, R9E; thence northerly along the west line of said Section 1 to the NW corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of said Section 1 to the SW corner of Section 36, T45N, R9E; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1, T45N, R9E, and along the west line of Sections 36, 25 and 24, T46N, R9E, to the NW corner of said Section 24; thence westerly along the south line of Sections 14 and 15, T46N, R9E, to the SW corner of said Section 15; thence northerly along the west line of said Section 15 and Section 10, T46N, R9E, to the Wa corner of said Section 10; thence westerly along the east-west center lines of Sections 9, 8 and 7, T46N, R9E, to Wa corner of said Section 7; thence northerly along the line between R8E and R9E to the NW corner of Section 30, T47N, R9E; thence westerly along the south line of Section 24, T47N, R8E, to the State corner of said Section 24; thence northerly to the N¼ corner of Section 24; thence westerly along the south lines of Sections 13 and 14, T47N, R8E, to the SW corner of the E1/2 E1/2 of said Section 14; thence northerly along the west line of the E1 E1 of Sections 14, 11 and 2, T47N, R8E, to the east-west center line of said Section 2; thence westerly along the east-west center line of said Section 2 to the ₩¼ corner of said Section; thence northerly along the west line of said Section 2 and along the west line of Section 35, T48N, R8E to the NW corner of said Section 35; thence westerly along the south line of Section 27, T48N, R8E, to the SW corner of said Section; thence northerly along the west line of said Section 27 to the NW corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north

line of Sections 27, 26, 25, T48N, R8E, and along the north line of Sections 30 and 29, T48N, R9E, to the Na corner of said Section 29; thence southerly to the State corner of said Section 29; thence easterly along the north line of Section 32, T48N, R9E, to the NE corner of said Section; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 32 to the E½ corner of said Section; thence easterly to the center of Section 33, T48N, R9E; thence southerly to the S1/4 corner of said Section 33; thence easterly along the north line of Section 4, T47N, R9E, to the NE corner of said Section; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 4 to the SE corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of Section 10, T47N, R9E, to the NE corner of said Section; thence southerly on the east line of said Section to the E4 corner of said Section; thence easterly along the east-west center line of Section 11, T47N, R9E to the E4 corner of said Section 11; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 11 to the SE corner of said Section 11; thence easterly along the north line of Section 13, T47N, R9E, to the NE corner of said Section 13; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 13 to the SE corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of Section 19, T47N, R10E to the N4 corner of said Section; thence southerly along the north-south center line of said Section 19 to the Sta corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north lines of Sections 30 and 29, T47N, R10E, to the N4 corner of said Section 29; thence southerly along the north-south center line of said Section 29 to the S4 corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north lines of Sections 32 and 33, T47N, R10E, to the N4 corner of said Section 33; thence southerly along the north-south center line of said Section 33 to the State corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of Section 4, T46N, R10E, to the NE corner of said Section; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 4 to the E4 corner of said Section 4; thence easterly along the east-west center lines of Sections 3, 2 and 1, T46N, R10E to the center of said Section 1; thence southerly along the north-south center lines of Sections 1 and 12, T46N, R10E, to the center of said Section 12; thence easterly along the eastwest center lines of said Section 12 to the E4 corner of said Section 12; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 12 to the SE corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of Section 18, T46N, R11E, to the N4 corner of said Section 18; thence southerly along the north-south center lines of Sections 18, 19, 30 and 31, T46N, R11E, and along the northsouth center lines of Sections 6 and 7, T45N, R11E, to the Sta corner of said Section 7; thence easterly along the north line of Section 18, T45N, R11E, to the NE corner of said Section 18; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 18 and 19, T45N, R11E, to the SE corner of said Section 19; thence easterly along the north line of Section 29, T45N, R11E, to the N4 corner of said Section 29; thence southerly along the north-south center line of said Section 29 to the Sk corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of Section 32, T45N, R11E, to the NE corner of said Section; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 32 to the SE corner of said Section 32; thence east along the south line of Section 33, T45N, RITE, to the St corner of said Section 33; thence southerly in a straight line to the N4 corner of Section 9, T44N, R11E; thence easterly along the north line of said Section 9, to the NE corner of said Section 9; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 9 and 16, T44N, R11E, to the SE corner of said Section 16; thence easterly along the north line of Section 22, T44N, R11E, to the N4 corner of said Section 22; thence southerly along the north-south center line of said Section 22 to the St corner of said Section; thence easterly along the north line of Section 27, T44N, R11E, to the NE corner of said Section 27; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 27 to the E4 corner of said Section 27; thence easterly along the east-west center line of Section 26, T44N, R11E, to the E4 corner of said Section 26; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 26 to the SE corner of said Section 26; thence easterly along the north line of Section 36, T44N, R11E, to the N4 corner of said Section 36; thence southerly along the north-south center line of said Sections 36 to the S4 corner of said Section 36; thence easterly along the north line of Section

1, T43N, R11E, and along the north line of Section 6, T43N, R12E, to the NE corner of said Section 6; thence southerly along the east line of Sections 6 and 7, T43N, R12E to the SE corner of said Section 7; thence easterly along the north boundary line of Luis Maria Baca Grant No. 4 to the NE corner of said Grant; thence southerly along the east boundary line of said Grant to the SW corner of Section 18, T25S, R73W of the 6th PM; thence easterly along the south line of said Section 18 to the SE corner of said Section 18; thence southerly along the west line of Section 20, T25S, R73W, to the SW corner of said Section 20; thence easterly along the south line of said Section 20 to the SE corner of said Section 20; thence southerly along the west line of Sections 28 and 33, T25S, R73W, to the SW corner of said Section 33; thence easterly along the south line of Sections 33 and 34, T25S, R73W, to the SE corner of said Section 34; thence southerly along the west line of Section 2, T26S, R73W, to the SW corner of said Section 2; thence easterly along the south line of said Section 2 to the SE corner of said Section 2; thence southerly along the west line of Sections 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, T26S, R73W, and along the west line of Section 1, T27S, R73W to the SW corner of said Section 1; thence westerly along the south line of Section 2, T27S, R73W to the SW corner of said Section 2; thence southerly along the west line of Sections 11, 14 and 23, T27S, R73W to the SW corner of said Section 23; thence westerly along the north line of Section 27, T27S, R73W, to the NW corner of said Section 27; thence southerly along the west line of Sections 27 and 34, T27S, R73W, to the SW corner of said Section 34; thence continuing southerly along the San Isabel National Forest Boundary for 4 miles, more or less, to a point where said boundary turns west; thence westerly along said boundary for 1 mile, more or less, to the NE corner of Section 29, T28S, R73W; thence southerly along the east line of said Section 29 to a point due east of the center of Section 36, T39N, R12E, N.M.P.M.; thence westerly to the center of said Section 36; thence westerly along the east-west center lines of Sections 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, T39N, R12E, and westerly along the east-west center lines of Sections 36, 35, 34, 33, 32 and

31, T39N, R11E, and westerly along the east-west center line of Sections 36 and 35, T39N, R10E, to the center of said Section 35; thence northerly along the north-south center line of Sections 35, 26, 23, 14, 11 and 2, T39N, R10E, and along the north-south center line of Section 35, T40N, R10E, to the center of said Section 35; thence westerly along the east-west center line of Sections 35, 34, and 33, T40N, RIOE, to the NE corner of the W12 SW14 of said Section 33; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 9, T38N, R10E; thence westerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 12, T38N, R9E; thence southerly to the center of the Rio Grande; thence in a NWly direction along the center of the Rio Grande to a point lying due north of the SE corner of the SW4 SW4 of Section 6, T38N, R9E; thence southerly to the NE corner of the SW4 SW4 of Section 30, T38N, R9E; thence easterly to the NE corner of the SW4 SW4 of Section 28, T38N, R9E; thence southerly to the NE corner of the SW4 SW4 of Section 33, T38N, R9E; thence easterly to the NW corner of the SE4 SE4 of Section 33, T38N, R9E; thence southerly to the eastwest center line of Section 4, T37N, R9E; thence easterly along the eastwest center line of Sections 4, 3 and 2, T37N, R9E, to the center of said Section 2; thence southerly to the SW corner of the N1/2 NE1/4 of Section 11, T37N, R9E; thence easterly to the SE corner of the N1/2 NW1/4 of Section 7, T37N, R10E; thence southerly to the NE corner S1/2 SW1/4 of Section 19, T37N, R10E; thence easterly to the NE corner of the SW4 SE4 of said Section 19; thence southerly to the SW corner of the NE4 NE4 of Section 30, T37N, R10E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the N2 NE4 of Section 25, T37N, R9E; thence southerly to the center of Section 36, T37N, R9E; thence westerly to the NE corner of the W12 SW14 of said Section 36; thence southerly to the SE corner of the SW4 of the SW4 of said Section 36; thence westerly to the NE corner of the NW4 of the NW4 of Section 1, T36N, R9E; thence southerly to the SE corner of the SW4 of the SW4 of said Section 1; thence westerly to the NE corner of the W12 NW14 of Section 11, T36N, R9E; thence southerly to the NE corner of the SW4 of the SW4 of Section 14, T36N, R9E; thence westerly to the NW corner of the SW4 of the Sw4 of said Section 14; thence

southerly to the SW corner of the NW4 of the NW4 of Section 23, T36N, R9E; thence easterly to the SE corner of the NW½ of the NW½ of said Section 23; thence southerly to the NE corner of W12 SW14 of Section 23, T36N, R9E; thence easterly to the NE corner of the W2 SW4 of Section 24, T36N, R9E; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 25, T36N, R9E; thence westerly to the east line of Section 26, T36N, R9E; thence southerly to the east quarter corner of said Section 26; thence westerly to the center of Section 27, T36N, R9E; thence southerly to the center of Section 10, T35N, R9E; thence westerly to the NE corner of the W1/2 SW1/4 of said Section 10; thence southerly to the NE corner of the SW4 SW4 of said Section 10; thence easterly to the north-south center line of said Section 10; thence southerly to the south quarter corner of said Section 10; thence easterly to the SW corner of SE4 SE4 of said Section 10; thence southerly to the SW corner of the NE4 NE% of Section 22, T35N, R9E; thence west to the north-south center line of said Section 22; thence southerly to the SW corner of the N1/2 NE1/4 Section 27, T35N, R9E; thence westerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 Section 28, T35N, R9E; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 33, T35N, R9E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NE4 NE4 Section 31, T35N, R9E; thence southerly to the NW corner of the SE4 SE4 Section 31, T35N, R9E; thence westerly to the NW corner of SW4 SW4 of Section 36, T35N, R8E; thence northerly to the NW corner of said Section 36; thence westerly along the north line of Sections 35, 34, 33, 32, 31 T35N, R8E and westerly along the north line of Sections 36, 35 and 34, T35N, R7E to the NW corner of said Section 34; thence northerly along the east lines of Sections 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4, T35N, R7E, to the NE corner of said Section 4; thence westerly along the south lines of Sections 33, 32, 31, T36N, R7E, and westerly along the south lines of Sections 36, 35 and 34, T36N, R6E, to the SW corner of said Section 34; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 34, 27 and 22, T36N, R6E, to the NW corner of said Section 22; thence easterly along the north line of Sections 22, 23 and 24, T36N, R6E, to the NE corner of said Section 24; thence northerly along the west line of Sections 18, 7 and 6, T36N, R7E, and northerly along the west line of Sections 31, 30, 19, 18, 7 and 6, T37N, R7E, and northerly along the west line of Sections 31, 30, 19, 18, 7 and 6, T38N, R7E to the NE corner of Section 1, T38N, R6E, the place of beginning.

(COSTILLA COUNTY TRACT)

Beginning at the SW corner of the Et SEt of Section 17, T36N, R10E, of the N.M.P.M.; thence northerly to the east-west center line of said Section 17; thence easterly to the center of Section 16, T36N, R10E; thence northerly to the SW corner of the No NEw of said Section 16; thence easterly to the SW corner of the NE4 NE4 of Section 14, T36N, R10E; thence northerly to the SW corner of the NE¼ NE¼ of Section 2, T36N, R10E; thence easterly to the SW corner of the N1/2 NE1/4 of Section 1, T36N, R10E; thence northerly to the North Quarter Corner of said Section 1; thence easterly to the Sta corner of Section 36, T37N, R10E; thence northerly to the center of Section 25, T37N, RIOE; thence easterly to the center of the Rio Grande in Section 28, T37N, R11E; thence in a sourherly direction along the center of the west branch of the Rio Grande to the south line of Section 9, T36N, R11E; thence easterly to the NE corner of Section 15, T36N, R11E; thence southerly to the SE corner of said section 15; thence easterly along the south line of Section 14, T36N, R11E to the Alamosa County - Costilla County boundary line; thence in a northeasterly direction along said Alamosa County -Costilla County boundary line 4 miles, more or less, to a point west of the N4 corner of Section 32, T30S, R73W of the 6th P.M.; thence easterly to said Ni corner of said Section 32; thence southerly 2.8 miles; thence easterly 2.4 miles; thence southerly 7.4 miles; thence easterly 5 miles, more or less, to a point ½ mile west of the west R.O.W. line of Colorado State Highway 159; thence southerly 18.2 miles, more or less, to the Colorado-New Mexico State line; thence westerly along the Colorado-New Mexico State line to the middle of the Rio Grande; thence in a northwesterly direction along the center of the Rio Grande to the north line of Section 10, T33N, R11E of the N.M.P.M.; thence westerly along the

north lines of Sections 10, 9, 8 and 7, T33N, R11E, to the SW corner of Section 6, T33N, R11E; thence northerly along the west line of said Section 6, Sections 31, 30, 19, 18, 7 and 6, T34N, R11E, Sections 31, 30, 19, 18, T35N, R11E to the NW corner of said Section 18; thence westerly to the S½ corner of Section 12, T35N, R10E; thence northerly to the center of said Section 12; thence westerly along the east-west center line of Sections 12, 11 and 10, T35N, R10E to the SE corner of the W½ NW¼ of said Section 10; thence northerly to the SE corner of the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 3, T35N, R10E; thence westerly to the north-south center line of Section 4, T35N, R10E; thence northerly along the north-south center lines of Sections 4, T35N, R10E and Section 33, T36N, R10E to the SE corner of the N½ NW¼ of said Section 33; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NE¼ NE¼ of Section 32, T36N, R10E; thence northerly to the SW corner of the E½ SE¼ of Section 17, T36N, R10E, the place of beginning.

(EXCEPTIONS FROM MAIN TRACT)

Excepting from one above described tract all of the following, tracts (a through d) To-wit:

(a) Beginning at the SW corner of Section 36, T40N, R5E of the N.M.P.M.; thence northerly along the west line of said Section 36 to the SW corner of the N½ N½ NW¼ of said Section 36; thence easterly to the north-south center line of said Section 36; thence northerly to the north line of said Section 36; thence easterly along the north line of said Section 36 to the NE corner thereof; thence northerly to the W¼ corner of Section 19, T40N, R6E; thence easterly to the SE corner of the W½ NW¾ of Section 20, T40N, R6E; thence southerly to the NE corner of the SW¾ SW¼ of said Section 20; thence easterly to the center of Colorado State Highway 112; thence in a northeasterly direction along the center of said State Highway 112 to the E-W center line of Section 15, T40N, R6E; thence easterly to the SW corner of the E½ NE¾ of Section 17, T40N, R7E; thence southerly to the SW corner of NE¾ NE¾ of Section 29, T40N, R7E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NE¾ NE¾ of Section 30, T40N, R7E; thence southerly to the east-west center line of said

Section 30; thence westerly to the SE corner of the W½ NW¼ of said Section 30; thence northerly to the SE corner of the NW¼ NW¾ of said Section 30; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NE¼ NE¾ of Section 26, T40N, R6E; thence southerly to the center of the north branch of the Rio Grande; thence in a northwesterly direction to the E line of Section 29, T40N, R6E; thence southerly to the center of the south branch of the Rio Grande; thence westerly along the center of said south branch of the Rio Grande to a point which is 1076.30 feet east and 1558.42 feet north of the N¼ corner of Section 32, T40N, R6E; thence southerly to the east-west center line of said Section 32; thence westerly to the W¼ corner of said Section 32; thence southerly to the SE corner of Section 31, T40N, R6E; thence westerly to the SW corner of Section 36, T40N, R6E, the place of beginning.

(b) Beginning at the center of Section 32, T40N, R7E of the N.M.P.M.; thence easterly to the center of Section 33, T40N, R7E; thence northerly to the SE corner of the NE4 SW4 of Section 28, T40N, R7E; thence westerly to the SW corner of said NE4 SW4 of Section 28; thence northerly to the east-west center line of Section 16, T40N, R7E; thence easterly to the east line of said Section 16; thence northerly to the SW corner of the N1/2 NW1/4 of Section 15, T40N, R7E; thence easterly to the east line of said Section 15; thence southerly to the east-west center line of said Section 15, thence easterly to the SW corner of the SE¼ NE¼ of Section 14, T40N, R7E; thence northerly to the NW corner of said SE4 NE4 of Section 14; thence easterly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 13, T40N, R7E; thence southerly to the east-west center line of said Section 13; thence easterly to the SW corner of the E1 E1 NE4 of Section 13; thence northerly to the SW corner of the NE¼ NE¼ NE¾ of said Section 13; thence easterly to the west line of Section 18, T40N, R8E; thence southerly to the SW corner of the N2 NW4 of said Section 18; thence easterly to the SW corner of the NE's NE's of said Section 18; thence southerly to the east-west center line of said Section 18; thence easterly to the SE corner of the W2 NW4 of Section 17, T40N, R8E; thence northerly to the SW corner of the NE4 NW4 of said

Section 17; thence easterly to the SW corner of the NE% NE% of said Section 17; thence northerly to the east-west center line of Section 8, T40N, R8E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the E1 NE4 of Section 7, T40N, R8E; thence northerly to the SW corner of the NE% NE% of said Section 7; thence westerly to the north-south center line of said Section 7; thence northerly to the SW corner of the NW\(\frac{1}{2}\) SE\(\frac{1}{2}\) of Section 6, T40N, R8E; thence easterly to the SW corner of the NE¼ SE¼ of said Section 6; thence northerly to the east-west center line of said Section 6; thence easterly to the center of Section 5, T40N, R8E; thence northerly to the center of Colorado State Highway 112; thence westerly 747.75 feet; thence northerly 660 feet; thence easterly 675.38 feet to the north-south center line of Section 32, T41N, R8E; thence northerly 3,317.28 feet along said northsouth center line; thence easterly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 33, T41N, R8E; thence northerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 28, T41N, R8E; thence easterly to the north-south center line of Section 27, T41N, R8E; thence southerly to the SW corner of the N12 SE14 of Section 3, T40N, R8E; thence easterly to the NW corner of the SE¼ SE¾ of said Section 3; thence southerly to the SW corner of the NE4 NE4 of Section 10, T40N, R8E; thence westerly to the north-south center line of said Section 10; thence southerly to the SE corner of the N1 SW4 of said Section 10; thence westerly to the NE corner of the SW4 SW4 of Section 9, T40N, R8E; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 16, T40N, R8E; thence easterly to the SW corner of the NE4 NE4 of Section 15, T40N, R8E; thence southerly to the SW corner of the NE4 SE4 of Section 27, T40N, R8E; thence westerly to the north-south center line of said Section 27; thence southerly to the center of Section 34, T40N, R8E; thence easterly to the center of Section 35, T40N, R8E; thence southerly to the center of Section 11, T39N, R8E; thence westerly to the SE corner of the W2 NW4 of Section 10, T39N, R8E; thence southerly to the SE corner of No SW4 SW4 of said Section 10; thence westerly to the SW corner of N/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 9, T39N, R8E; thence north to the SW corner of the NE¼ NE¼ of said Section

9; thence westerly to the north-south center line of said Section 9; thence northerly to the south line of Section 4, T39N, R8E; thence westerly to the SW corner of E1 SW4 of said Section 4; thence northerly to the NE corner of the SW% SW% of said Section 4; thence westerly to the north-south center line of Section 5, T39N, R8E; thence southerly to the SE corner of the N1/2 NW4 of Section 8, T39N, R8E; thence westerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 7, T39N, R8E; thence southerly to the east-west center line of Section 18, T39N, R8E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the SE4 NW4 of Section 13, T39N, R7E; thence northerly to the NW corner of SE4 of NW4 of said Section 13, T39N, R7E; thence westerly to the center of the Rio Grande; thence in a northwesterly direction along the center of the Rio Grande to the north-south center line of Section 8, T39N, R7E; thence northerly to the center of Section 32, T40N, R7E, the place of beginning. (c) Beginning on the center of Section 24, T39N, R8E of the N.M.P.M.; thence southerly to the center of the Rio Grande; thence in a westerly direction along the center of the Rio Grande to the east line of Section 34, T39N, R8E; thence southerly to the E4 corner of Section 3, T38N, R8E; thence westerly to the SE corner of the W1/2 NW1/4 of said Section 3; thence southerly to the south line of said Section 3; thence easterly to the northsouth center line of said Section 3; thence southerly to the SW corner of the N1/2 N1/2 NE4 of Section 10, T38N, R8E; thence easterly to the east line of said Section 10; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NE¼ NE¼ of said Section 10, thence easterly to the north-south center line of Section 12, T38N, R8E; thence southerly to the center of the right of way of the D & R G W RR Company; thence in a southeasterly direction along the center of said ROW to the west line of E1/2 E1/2 of Section 13, T38N, R8E; thence southerly along said line to the SW corner of the E1/2 NE1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 13; thence westerly to the NE corner of the SW4 SW4 of Section 15, T38N, R8E; thence northerly to the SE corner of the NW4 NW4 of Section 10, T38N, R8E; thence westerly to the north-south center line of Section 8, T38N, R8E; thence northerly to the center of Section 5, T38N, R8E; thence

westerly to the NW corner of the NE4 SE4 of Section 6, T38N, R8E; thence southerly to the SW corner of the NE4 SE4 of Section 7, T38N, R8E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NE% SE% of Section 11, T38N, R7E; thence northerly to the SW corner of the NE4 SE4 of Section 2, T38N, R7E; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NE4 SW4 of said Section 2; thence northerly to the center of the ROW of the D & R G W RR Company; thence in a northwesterly direction along the center of said ROW to the east-west center line of Section 21, T39N, R7E; thence easterly to the SW corner of the SE4 NW4 of Section 22, T39N, R7E; thence northerly to the center of the Rio Grande; thence in a southeasterly direction along the center of the Rio Grande and the north branch thereof to the west line of the E12 Et of Section 29, T39N, R8E; thence northerly to the NW corner of the SE4 SE4 of Section 17, T39N, R8E; thence easterly to the NW corner of the SE4 SE4 of Section 16, T39N, R8E; thence northerly to the NW corner of S12 of the NE¼ NE¼ of Section 16, T39N, R8E; thence easterly to the NE corner of S1/2 of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 15, T39N, R8E; thence southerly to the east-west center line of said Section 15; thence easterly to the NW corner of the NE4 SE4 of said Section 15; thence southerly to the SW corner of the NE¼ NE¼ of Section 22, T39N, R8E; thence easterly to the north-south center line of Section 23, T39N, R8E; thence southerly to the center of said Section 23; thence easterly to the center of Section 24, T39N, R8E, the place of beginning.

(d) Beginning at the $S\frac{1}{4}$ corner of Section 34, T41N, R10E of the N.M.P.M.; thence northerly to the center of Section 15, T43N, R10E; thence westerly to the center of Section 16, T43N, R10E; thence northerly to the $N\frac{1}{4}$ corner of Section 4, T43N, R10E; thence westerly to the NW corner of Section 6, T43N, R10E; thence southerly to the $E\frac{1}{4}$ corner of Section 12, T43N, R9E; thence westerly to the center of said Section 12; thence southerly to the center of Section 36, T42N, R9E; thence easterly to the west line of the $E\frac{1}{4}$ $E\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, T42N, R10E; thence southerly to the east-west center line of Section 7, T41N; R10E; thence easterly to the SW corner

of the E½ NE¼ of Section 8, T41N, R10E; thence southerly to the south line of Section 32, T41N, R10E; thence easterly to the NE corner of the NW¼ NW¾ of Section 4, T40N, R10E; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NW¾ NW¾ of said Section 4; thence easterly to the north-south center line of said Section 4; thence southerly to the SW corner of the N½ SE¼ of Section 9, T40N, R10E; thence easterly to the SE corner of the NW¾ SE¾ of Section 10, T40N, R10E; thence northerly to the NE corner W½ NE¾ of Section 3, T40N, R10E; thence westerly to the S¼ of Section 34, T41N, R10E, the place of beginning.

That except as modified herein enlarging the territory of service to San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Decision No. 65447 of July 27, 1965 shall remain in full force and effect.

That Applicant shall continue to supply electric service in the areas set forth above in accordance with its schedules of rates, rules and regulations presently on file with this Commission, or as the same may be changed according to law and the Rules and Regulations of this Commission.

That Applicant shall continue to maintain its books and accounts in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts, and continue to supply electric service in accordance with the Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Public Utilities as prescribed by this Commission.

That this Order shall become effective twenty-one (21) days from date hereof.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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CHAIRMAN HENRY E. ZARLENGO NECESSARILY ABSENT AND NOT PARTICIPATING.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this 13th day of February, 1968.

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