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September 20, 2007

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**No. 07VE028 - Vacation of Non-Access Easement**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT/ AGENT	Jim Pahl for West River Electric Assn.
PROPERTY OWNER	West River Electric Assn.
REQUEST	<b>No. 07VE028 - Vacation of Non-Access Easement</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot WR of the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 15 T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 1.333 acres
LOCATION	3383 Reservoir Road
EXISTING ZONING	Limited Agriculture District (Pennington County)
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Planned Unit Development (Pennington County)
South:	Limited Agriculture District (Pennington County)
East:	Suburban Residential District (Pennington County)
West:	Limited Agriculture District (Pennington County)
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Rapid Valley Sanitation Service
DATE OF APPLICATION	8/24/2007
REVIEWED BY	Jonathan Smith / Todd Peckosh

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Vacation of Non-Access Easement be continued to the October 4, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant time to submit a complete site plan.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a Vacation of Easement request to vacate a 105 foot portion of a non-access easement. The non-access easement lies along the northern portion of the property abutting Reservoir Road. The property is located at the southwest intersection of Longview Road and Reservoir Road. Currently an existing electric substation is located on the southern portion of the property. The northern portion of the property is being used for storage of electrical equipment. The property was platted on December 12, 2006 (#05PL237). A Variance to the Subdivision Regulations (#05SV076) to waive the requirement to provide a ten foot wide planting screening easement, to waive the requirement to dedicate additional right-of-way, and to waive the requirement to provide a minimum eight foot wide drainage and utility easement along all interior lot lines was approved on December 5, 2005.

The applicant plans to construct another electric substation on the northern portion of the property. A SDCL 11-6-19 review (#07SR047) to allow the construction of a public electric

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substation has been filed in conjunction with this request. The property is not located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rapid City; however, the property is located within the City of Rapid City's Three Mile Platting Jurisdiction. The property is currently zoned Limited Agriculture District by Pennington County.

STAFF REVIEW:

The applicant has indicated that this Vacation of a Non-Access Easement is needed to allow vehicles associated with the utility service to access and traverse around the utility substation for maintenance purposes. The applicant has stated that ingress and egress to these access points would be minimal. The exhibit submitted by the applicant identifies a portion of the non-access easement to be vacated beginning at the northeast corner of the lot and traversing south 105 feet along Reservoir Road.

The applicant has indicated that the property will have three new approach locations; however the site plan provided by the applicant does not identify these locations. Staff recommends that the applicant submit a detailed site plan drawn to scale that identifies approach locations, fences, property lines, easements, landscaping, and intersections of abutting streets. In addition as stated the applicant has submitted a SDCL 11-6-19 review request in conjunction with the Vacation of a Non-Access Easement request. Staff recommends that this item be continued to the October 4, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant to submit a complete site plan, and to allow this item to be heard in conjunction with the SDCL 11-6-19 review request.