

Slope Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1
NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC INDUSTRY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Territorial Integrity Act

We believe the North Dakota Territorial Integrity Act serves the best interest of both rural and urban consumers and electric power suppliers. The Territorial Integrity Act is needed to insure orderly development of the state's electric infrastructure to deliver electricity without wasteful duplication. The Act is fair and it has worked well since it was passed in 1965. It has minimized disputes over service areas. Slope Electric will strongly oppose any legislative, regulatory, or other effort to abolish or weaken the provisions of the Territorial Integrity Act.

Rural Electric Cooperative Board Regulation

As consumer-owned organizations, we oppose any attempts to place North Dakota rural electric cooperatives under rate and service jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC). North Dakota Rural Electric Cooperative's are directed by a member elected board of directors who are responsible for rate and management decisions based on the best interest of the members. We believe the PSC should still be the watchdog for consumers who get their power from for-profit stock companies or other sources in which the consumer is not a member/owner.