STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLACKDUCK AND SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414

) <u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>
) <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>
) <u>AND ORDER</u>

The joint resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of Blackduck and Summit Township was reviewed for conformity with applicable law. The undersigned Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge, acting under a delegation from the Chief Administrative Law Judge, hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 23, 2008, the Chief Administrative Law Judge reviewed and accepted Joint Resolution No. 2008-16/0908 which was adopted by the City on September 8, 2008, and by the Township on September 18, 2008, and duly filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments on September 29, 2008.

2. The joint resolution requests the designation and immediate annexation of certain property to the City of Blackduck described as follows:

Sect-18 Twp-149 Range-030 33.08 AC NE1/4 OF NE1/4 LESS E 495' THEREOF & LESS N500' OF W467' OF E962' THEREOF & NW1/4 OF NE 1/4 LESS W990' THEREOF

3. Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1 (g) states that in certain circumstances the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation pursuant to the terms of a joint resolution for orderly annexation.

4. The joint resolution contains all the information required by Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1 (g), including a provision that the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment but shall order the annexation within 30 days in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Office of Administrative Hearings has duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.

2. An order should be issued by the Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge annexing the area described herein.

ORDER

1. The property described in Findings of Fact 2 is annexed to the City of Blackduck, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof.

 Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, the Township of Summit will be reimbursed by the City of Blackduck in accordance with the terms of the Joint Resolution No. 2008-16/0908.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2008.

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