
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION
APPROVAL OF STRAY VOLTAGE
TRAINING PROGRAMS

DOCKET NUMBER EL17-024

PETITION OF
SDREA TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to SDCL § 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, South Dakota Rural Electric Association (“SDREA”) by its undersigned counsel files this Petition to Intervene as a party in the above-referenced matter. In support of its Petition, SDREA states as follows:

1. SDREA is an organization comprised of member electric cooperatives in South Dakota. SDREA is devoted to the protection of the interests of its member electric cooperatives and their customers.

2. SDREA has a well-documented interest in stray voltage, demonstrated by the following:

(a) SDREA drafted, caused to be introduced, and advocated for the passage of the Stray Electrical Current and Voltage Remediation legislation, which was adopted by the South Dakota Legislature in 2015 and is codified as SDCL Ch. 49-47.

(b) SDREA provided input by actively participating in both the informal and formal rulemaking process that this Commission implemented to promulgate the rules required by SDCL § 49-47-2. SDREA submitted informal and formal comments, as well as oral comments throughout the rulemaking process. More

recently, SDREA provided the initial forms for six stray voltage tests, and thereafter continued to provide input into the forms.

3. The issue of stray voltage directly affects and impacts many of SDREA's member companies. Accordingly, SDREA has a direct interest in this docket.

4. ARSD 20:10:39:07 directs the Commission to "establish and update a list of commission-approved stray current and stray voltage training programs." SDREA has member cooperatives whose employees have participated in stray voltage training programs. Accordingly, SDREA believes it can provide valuable input into the process established by the opening of Docket EL17-024.

5. In the rulemaking process (RM16-001) and in development of the stray voltage test forms, this Commission and Commission Staff have encouraged broad and active participation from all parties with an interest in stray voltage.

6. Furthermore, the issues presented in this docket and in SDREA's proposed Petition to Intervene constitute matters of public interest. Thus, denial of this Petition would be detrimental to the public interest and is likely to result in a miscarriage of justice.

WHEREFORE, SDREA requests that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2017.

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