

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS)
EXCEPTION BETWEEN NORTHERN)
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL)
ENERGY AND SIOUX VALLEY-)
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA SIOUX VALLEY)
ENERGY)

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE
RIGHTS EXCEPTION

EL21-006

On February 17, 2021, the Commission received a joint request for approval of service rights exception between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc dba Sioux Valley Energy. The Agreement will allow Xcel Energy to provide electric service in the assigned territory of Sioux Valley Energy. Xcel Energy intends to provide single phase service by territory exception to a new home in T101N R49W in Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

On February 18, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 5, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 16, 2021, Xcel responded to staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley Energy's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted 2-1 to approve the requested service rights exception. Commissioner Nelson dissenting. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of April 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam De Hueck</u>
Date: <u>4/9/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman (Dissenting)

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Gary Hanson
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