

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR SWEETMAN CONST. CO. D/B/A
KNIFE RIVER, TO HAVE XCEL ENERGY
ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC
PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA OF
SIOUX VALLEY ELECTRIC

EL-25-032

**STIPULATION REGARDING PRE-
FILED TESTIMONY OF BASIN
ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE**

This Stipulation and Agreement (hereinafter the “Agreement”) is made and entered by and between Petitioner Sweetman Const. Co. dba Knife River (“Knife River”) and Intervenor Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (“Xcel Energy”), Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Sioux Valley”), East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“East River”), and Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin”), and South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff (“Staff”), on the 10th day of April, 2026.

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2025, Petitioner Knife River filed a Petition seeking to have Xcel Energy assigned as its electric provider in the service area of Sioux Valley, and requested issuance of an Order from the Commission pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-56 allowing it to take electric service from Xcel Energy, and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy, Sioux Valley, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“East River”) and Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin”) were granted intervention in the matter, and

WHEREAS on December 4, 2025, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule, under which dates were established for the submission of pre-filed testimony by Petitioner, Intervenor, and Staff, and

WHEREAS Petitioners, Intervenor, and Staff, all timely submitted pre-filed testimony, and

WHEREAS, Petitioners, Intervenor, and Staff contend that it is the purpose of this Stipulation to narrow the scope of the issues for hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the efficiencies to be achieved and mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, it is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, subject to the approval of the Commission as follows:

1. All parties agree that Basin has adequate power supply, as set forth in SDCL 49-34A-56(2), to meet the electric service requirements of the load to be served.
2. The pre-filed testimony of Basin witness Benjamin Hertz will not be offered based on this Stipulation.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Meredith A. Moore, hereby certify that on the 10th day of April, 2026, a true and correct copy of the Stipulation Regarding Pre-Filed Testimony of Basin Electric Power Cooperative in the above-captioned matter was served on the following via email:

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