

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST) FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION) BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND LYON) RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION EL19-033
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On September 11, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception (Agreement) filed by Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) and Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LREC) to allow LREC to provide single-phase electric service to a customer in Tract 1 of On the Border Ag Addition, in the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 101 North, Range 48 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, in Sioux Valley territory. Under the Agreement, Sioux Valley shall retain the right of service to any three-phase service that may be developed at the location.

On September 12, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 27, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 13, 2019, the companies responded to Commission 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 October 1, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the requested service rights exception. 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 LREC and Sioux Valley's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of the electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October 2019.

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>Karen S. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>10/03/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner