BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE **TERRITORY BOUNDARY AGREEMENT** BETWEEN CENTRAL ELECTRIC NORTHERN COOPERATIVE, INC. AND STATES POWER COMPANY D/B/A XCEL ENERGY.

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
TERRITORY BOUNDARY
CHANGES

EL13-043

On December 30, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Commission Staff regarding an electric service territory boundary agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central Electric) and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy). This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the PUC to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. With the assistance of the above-referenced utilities, Commission Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. Commission Staff asks for approval of the agreement to update official mapping data to properly reflect the service territory boundaries shared by the utilities in this docket.

On January 2, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 17, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-43 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested approval of the agreement in order to update official electric service territory mapping data to accurately reflect current service territories served by the utilities. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the agreement to update mapping data to reflect current electric service territory boundaries shared by Xcel Energy and Central Electric is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this _____ day of February, 2014.

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, e[ectronically.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

CHRIS NELSON, Commission

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission