BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.	)	**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE**
	)	**EL14-081**

On August 29, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request for approval of a Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Xcel Energy and Southeastern Electric Coop (Agreement) to effectuate an electric service territory boundary change between Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern). The Agreement seeks to modify an existing service territory boundary in Section 8 of T100N, R49W in Lincoln County, South Dakota in southeastern Sioux Falls. The proposed change follows recently platted lot lines that will undergo development in the future and represents the completion of a territory exchange, the first half of which occurred with the boundary change approved by the Commission in Docket EL14-057

On September 4, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 19, 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 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 30, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission's staff recommended approval of the request for the boundary change to complete the exchange initiated by the boundary change approved in Docket EL14-057. Finding that this boundary change fairly and appropriately completes the territory exchange between Xcel and Southeastern and will allow the utilities to more efficiently provide service to customers in the area, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the territory boundary change. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the above-described change to the assigned service territory boundary between Xcel and Southeastern is hereby granted.

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

By: Joy Ladwig

Date: 10.3.14

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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