

**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 SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY FKA )  
 SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE )  
 INC. AND NORTHERN STATES POWER )  
 COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY )

ORDER GRANTING  
 APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC  
 SERVICE TERRITORY  
 BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

EL15-004

On January 14, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from the Commission's staff (Staff) regarding an electric service territory boundary agreement between Sioux Valley Energy fka Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc. and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy. This filing is made pursuant to current efforts of the Commission 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, Staff has confirmed the service territory boundary shared by these utilities and has prepared updated mapping information. 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 December 4, 2015, Commission Staff filed revised Exhibits A and L (page 2) for the Commission's approval.

On January 15, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 30, 2015, 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 December 22, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. 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 Sioux Valley Energy fka Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc. and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of December, 2015.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/28/2015</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Chris Nelson*  
 CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

*Kristie Fiegen*  
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*  
 GARY HANSON, Commissioner