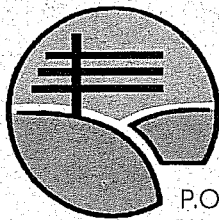


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In the Matter of IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XCEL ENERGY, INC. AND SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
8/6 04	<i>Filed and Rejected;</i>
8/12 04	<i>Public Filing;</i>
11/8 04	<i>Amended Service Territory Exchange Agreement;</i>
12/10 04	<i>Order Granting Approval of Changes in the Electric Service Territory;</i>
12/10 04	<i>Docket Closed</i>



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Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed for filing please find an original copy of an executed "Service Territory Exchange Agreement" between Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, dba Sioux Valley Energy (SVE).

This agreement between the two parties seeks a modification to our existing service territories allowing each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories.

The accompanying drawing, Exhibit A to the Agreement, provides additional information. We respectfully request the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's consideration and an order approving this agreement.

Sincerely,

Don L. Marker
General Manager/CEO

Enclosures

cc: Jim Wilcox, Xcel Energy, Inc.

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**SERVICE TERRITORY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY AND XCEL ENERGY**

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SVE agrees to transfer to Xcel Energy Inc. the southwest ¼, north of the Big Sioux River, of section 28 and the southeast ¼, north of the Big Sioux River, of section 29 of Brandon Township of Minnehaha County in the State of South Dakota, excluding the existing customers, Randall Eitrem and Leroy Beiningen (SVE map locations 021-2-029-04 and 021-2-029-04-1), which will continued to be served by SVE as an exception.

Xcel Energy Inc. agrees to transfer to SVE the south ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 27 and the south ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 28 in Brandon Township of Minnehaha County in the State of South Dakota.

These service territory modifications are shown on the attached Exhibit A.

The Parties agree to jointly submit these agreed upon changes to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for its approval.

IN Witness: This Letter of Agreement is executed and made effective between Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., dba Sioux Valley Energy and Xcel Energy Inc.

This 30 day of June, 2004.

XCEL ENERGY INC.:

By: [Signature]

Attest: Mary E. Thoen

SIOUX VALLEY SOUTHWESTERN
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.:

By: [Signature]

Attest: Eddie Larsen

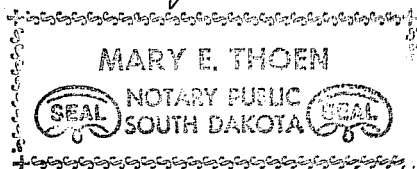


Exhibit A



New Xcel Territory

S1/2 of NW 1/4
Sec 27

S1/2 of NE 1/4
Sec 28

New Xcel Territory

SW 1/4
North of River
Sec 28

SE 1/4
North of River
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EL04-025 **In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy.**

On August 6, 2004, Sioux Valley Energy filed, for Commission approval, a Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. The agreement seeks a modification to the existing service territories of the respective companies allowing each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

NATURAL GAS

NG04-006 **In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. for Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with Deviation with Merillat Corporation.**

Application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for an amendment to its existing contract with Merillat Corporation which will expire on October 31, 2004. The proposed amendment provides for service to continue to Merillat for a one year period ending October 31, 2005, under the terms of the original contract. MDU has requested approval with less than 30 days notice.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

NG04-007 **In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.**

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company for approval of tariff provisions which will make backbilling customers in cases of incorrect billing an option instead of mandatory. MidAmerican has recently discovered a problem with certain electronic meter reading devices which caused customers to be billed for less gas than actually used. MidAmerican proposes to not backbill these customers for the usage not previously billed for.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC04-164 In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Splitrock Properties, Inc. (Splitrock) provided information constituting Splitrock's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Splitrock will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-165 In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance) provided information constituting Alliance's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Alliance will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-166 In the Matter of the Request of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (Northeast) provided information constituting Northeast's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Northeast will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-167 In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, City of Brookings Municipal Telephone (Brookings) provided information constituting Brookings' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Brookings will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is

consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-168 In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) provided information constituting Venture's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Venture will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-169 In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) provided information constituting Midstate's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midstate will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-170 In the Matter of the Request of Three River Telco for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, Three River Telco (Three River) provided information constituting Three River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Three River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-171 In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, Jefferson Telephone Company (Jefferson) provided information constituting Jefferson's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Jefferson will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent

with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-172 In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (Beresford) provided information constituting Beresford's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Beresford will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-173 In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, RT Communications, Inc. provided information constituting RT Communications' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that RT Communications will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-174 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-175 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) provided information constituting Mobridge's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mobridge will use all federal universal service support received in a manner

that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-176 In the Matter of the Request of Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company (the Companies) provided information constituting the Companies' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that the Companies will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-177 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Valley Telephone Company (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-178 In the Matter of the Request of Red River Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Red River Telecom, Inc. (Red River) provided information constituting Red River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Red River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-179 In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) provided

information constituting CRSTTA's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that CRSTTA will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-180 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midcontinent Communications.

On August 10, 2004, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Resale and Local Switching Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midcontinent Communications. The parties state that the Amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for Resale and Local Switching. Any party wishing to comment on the Amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Amendment no later than August 30, 2004. Parties to the Amendment may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest
Date Filed: 08/10/04
Initial Comments Due: 08/30/04

TC04-181 In the Matter of the Application of VCI Company for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

On August 10, 2004, VCI Company filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange, and intra-LATA toll services within the State of South Dakota. Applicant's services include, but are not limited to, basic local exchange services, intraLATA toll and customer calling features. Applicant also intends to provide exchange access services to interconnecting carriers pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions in an access services tariff to be filed with the Commission after Applicant's Certificate of Authority has been issued. Applicant proposes to provide facilities-based local exchange services using Unbundled Network Elements-Platform (UNE-P) leased or purchased from South Dakota certificated facilities-based local exchange carriers. Applicant may further resell the local exchange services of other South Dakota certificated local exchange carriers. Applicant proposes to provide service throughout the area in South Dakota currently served by Qwest Corporation.

Staff Analyst: Christine Hibbeler
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/10/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Attn: Michelle Farris

Enclosed for filing please find an original copy of an executed "Amended Service Territory Exchange Agreement" between Xcel Energy Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, dba Sioux Valley Energy (SVE).

This amended agreement between the two parties seeks a modification to our existing service territories allowing each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories. This replaces the agreement dated June 30, 2004 and submitted to your office with a cover letter dated August 4, 2004.

The accompanying drawing, Exhibit A to the Agreement, provides additional information. SVE respectfully requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's consideration and an order approving this agreement.

Sincerely,

Don Marker
General Manager

Enclosure

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**AMENDED
SERVICE TERRITORY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY AND XCEL ENERGY**

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Xcel Energy Inc. agrees to transfer to SVE the south ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 27 and the south ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 28 in Brandon Township of Minnehaha County in the State of South Dakota.

These service territory modifications are shown on the attached Exhibit A.

The Parties agree to jointly submit these agreed upon changes to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for its approval.

IN Witness: This Letter of Agreement is executed and made effective between Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., dba Sioux Valley Energy and Xcel Energy Inc.

This 8th day of October, 2004.

XCEL ENERGY INC.:

By: *J. Wilcox*

Attest: *Mary E. Thoen*

SIOUX VALLEY SOUTHWESTERN
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.:

By: *Don P. Marka*

Attest: *Eddie Larsen*

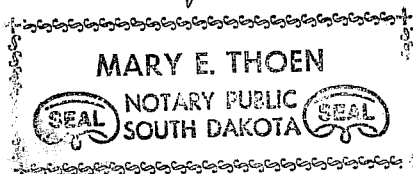


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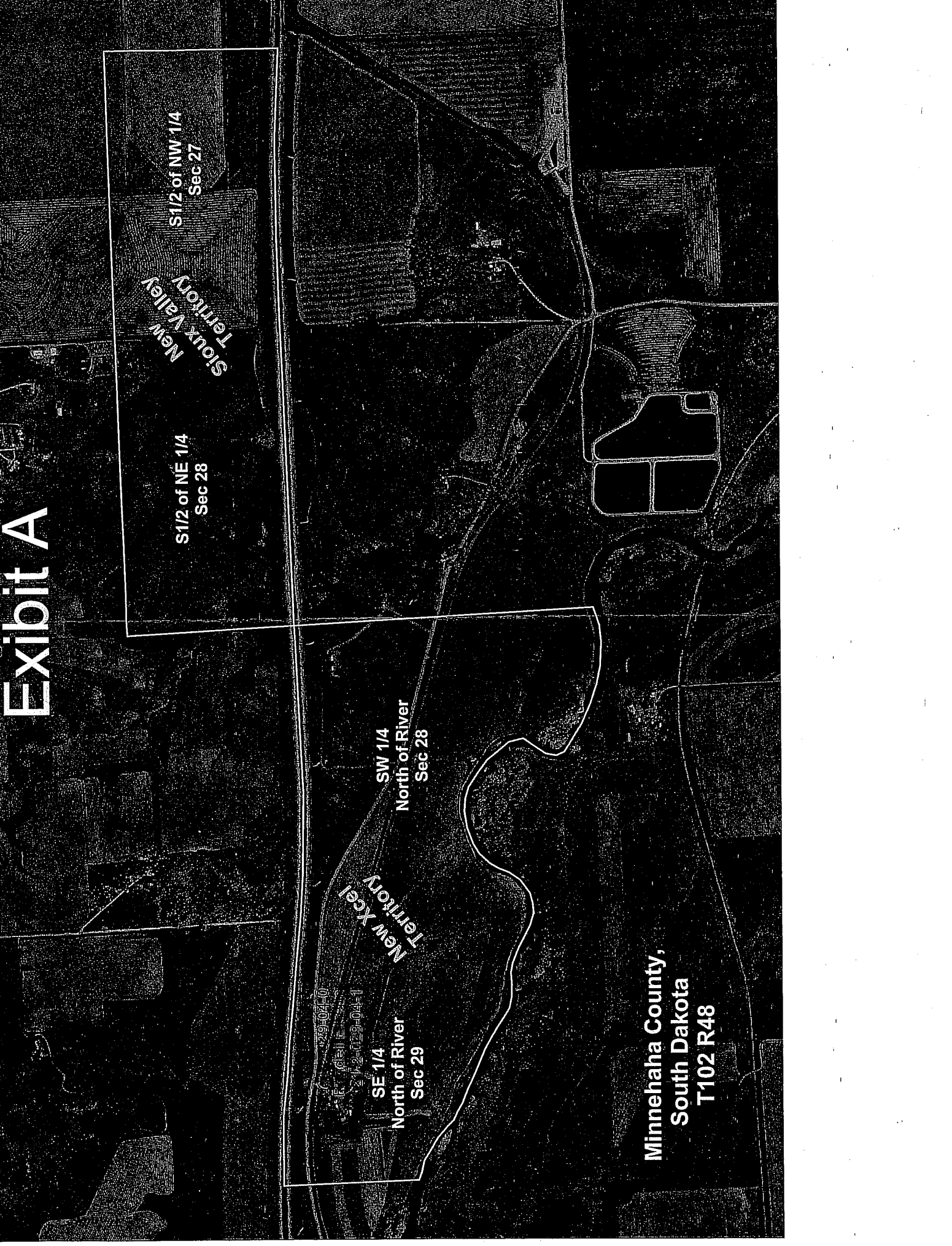
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Minnehaha County,
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XCEL)
ENERGY, INC. AND SIOUX VALLEY-)
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY)

**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF CHANGES
IN THE ELECTRIC SERVICE
TERRITORY**

EL04-025

On August 6, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change. The agreement seeks a modification to the existing service territories of the respective companies allowing each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories. The electric service boundary change is as follows:

Xcel shall transfer to SVE the South 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 27 and the South 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28 in Brandon Township of Minnehaha County in the state of South Dakota.

SVE shall transfer to Xcel the SW 1/4, North of the Big Sioux River of Section 28 and the SE 1/4, North of the Big Sioux River of Section 29 of Brandon Township of Minnehaha County in the state of South Dakota, excluding the existing customers, Randall Eitrem and Leroy Beiningen (SVE map locations 021-2-029-04 and 021-2-029-04-1), which will continue to be served by SVE as an exception.

On November 30, 2004, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the change in service territory boundary will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Xcel and SVE. The Commission therefore concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between Xcel and SVE is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of December, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/13/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner