

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT	)	PETITION OF RONNING
REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC	)	ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR
SERVICE TERRITORY	)	LEAVE TO INTERVENE
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN	)	
NORTHERN STATES POWER	)	EL17-020
COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY	)	
AND SIOUX VALLEY-	)	
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC	)	
COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA SIOUX	)	
VALLEY ENERGY	)	

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, Ronning Enterprises, Inc., by counsel, hereby petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for leave to intervene in the above-described docket and respectfully states to the Commission as follows:

1. Ronning Enterprises, Inc. (“Ronning”) is a South Dakota corporation engaged in residential and commercial land development and has its principal office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

2. Ronning owns approximately 117 acres of undeveloped land shown in Attachment C to the Service Territory Exchange Agreement that is the subject of the docket. This land in Xcel’s service area is proposed to be transferred to Sioux Valley’s service area.

3. According to Ronning’s current best information, which includes discussions with both utilities, the Service Territory Exchange will increase Ronning’s costs approximately \$330,000 in the form of extra charges to be imposed by Sioux Valley.

4. As pertains to the Ronning property, the proposed Territory Exchange fails to satisfy the requirements of SDCL 49-34A-55, because it is not in the public interest. It does not straighten or otherwise rationalize any boundary and, in fact, further contributes to the crazy quilt of boundaries shown on the PUC’s latest state boundary map. It has nothing to do with efficiency or economies or avoidance of unnecessary duplication of facilities or the provision of adequate electric service. Instead, it merely causes enormous financial harm to Ronning.

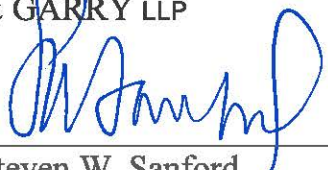
5. The Territory Exchange Agreement may satisfy the particular private financial interests of the two involved utilities, but in no way whatsoever does it serve the public interest.

6. Because of the enormous financial prejudice, Ronning seeks intervention to oppose approval of the Agreement.

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