

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
GREAT PLAINS ETHANOL, LLC FOR)
APPROVAL OF SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO PROVIDE ITS)
ELECTRIC SERVICE)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

EL02-009

On May 29, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Great Plains Ethanol, LLC (Great Plains) for approval of Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. to provide its electric service. According to the petition, Great Plains will cause to be constructed and will operate an ethanol plant at a site approximately one mile east of Chancellor, South Dakota. It is expected the plant will require electrical service with a demand substantially more than 2000 kilowatts. The plant is proposed to be located in the existing service territory of Xcel Energy. Based on SDCL 49-34A-56, Great Plains is petitioning the Commission to assign Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. as the supplier of electric service to the new plant.

On May 30, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 21, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On June 19, 2002, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Xcel Energy (Xcel).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-42, 49-34A-56 and 49-34A-58.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of July 24, 2002, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of Xcel is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of August, 2002.

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: Melaine Kalbo

Date: 8/19/02

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


JAMES A. BURG, Chairman


PAM NELSON, Commissioner


ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner