

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS )	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN SOUTHEASTERN )	EXCEPTION TO THE
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND )	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY )	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL05-004

On February 28, 2005, Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) filed a petition for a service rights exception for Commission approval. A SEC customer has requested three-phase electric service for irrigating the North 65 acres of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, Range 48 West, Township 96 North in Lincoln County, South Dakota. In order for SEC to provide service it would require a line extension of over three miles with a sizeable aid to construction for a seasonal load. Since SEC is not able to provide three-phase electric service to this site without a sizeable aid to construction SEC is willing to allow MidAmerican Energy (MidAmerican) to provide electric service to this site.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 12, 2005, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that MidAmerican may provide three-phase electric service for an irrigation system as it 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 MidAmerican and SEC. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

<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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u>Melaine Kalles</u></p> <p>Date: <u>4/18/05</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner