BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY AND THE CITY OF MADISON	))))))	**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE ASSIGNED ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EL05-024**

On September 29, 2005, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) and the City of Madison (Madison) filed a joint request with the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow Madison to provide electrical service to Paul and Lora Ersland's new home located in Sioux Valley's territory. The new home is located in the SE1/4 of Section 31, Township 107 North, Range 52, West, Lake County, South Dakota. The Erslands have consented to the transfer. The agreement will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of such service.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 1, 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 Madison may provide electrical service to Paul and Lora Ersland's new home 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 Sioux Valley and Madison. 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 2nd day of November, 2005.

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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 11/7/05

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner