

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO SERVICE)	APPROVAL OF AN
ON ASSIGNED AREAS BETWEEN CENTRAL)	EXCEPTION TO THE
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND XCEL)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
ENERGY)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL05-021

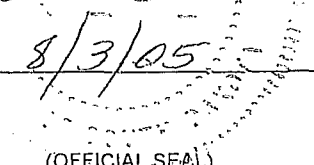
On June 6, 2005, Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel) and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) filed for Commission approval a joint Exception to Service on Assigned Areas agreement. CEC agrees to permit Xcel to extend its facilities into CEC's assigned territory. CEC has received a request for three phase service to a new structure near Emery, South Dakota, to be known as Paul's Precision Parts. CEC's nearest three phase power supply is 2.5 miles away from the structure. Xcel has three phase electric distribution facilities located near the site and has agreed to provide service to the small commercial business that has requested electric service, which is located within Tract 2 of Lot A-1 in the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 102 North, Range 57 West, Hanson County, South Dakota.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 28, 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 Xcel may provide electrical service to Paul's Precision Parts 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 CEC and Xcel. 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 August, 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: <u><i>Aleksandra Kraljic</i></u>
Date: <u>8/3/05</u>
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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