

**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 SIOUX)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC)	SERVICE TERRITORY
COOPERATIVE, INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY)	EL06-008
ENERGY)	

On March 8, 2006, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) filed a joint request with the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow Sioux Valley to provide 3-phase electric service to a new pond site for the City of Sioux Falls landfill located in Southeastern's territory. The pond site is located in the NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 100 North, Range 51 West, Lincoln County, South Dakota. The agreement will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of such service.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 11, 2006, 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 Sioux Valley may provide electrical service to a new pond site for the City of Sioux Falls landfill 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 Southeastern. 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 25th day of April, 2006.

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>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u><i>4/27/06</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner