

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
BOUNDARY CHANGES BETWEEN SIOUX)	SERVICE TERRITORY
VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC)	BOUNDARY CHANGES
COOPERATIVE D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY)	
ENERGY AND BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL)	EL08-006
UTILITIES)	

On March 3, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) and Brookings Municipal Utilities (BMU) for approval of two territory boundary changes. First, BMU provides service to a church outside municipal electric boundaries under the terms of Territory Agreement A05.1 entered into February 23, 2005. The transformer serving the church is located in annexed land subject to said agreement. Approval for this existing service exception is now sought. The legal description for this service exception is: Outlot F in the SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 110 North, Range 49 West and Outlot G in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 110 North, Range 49 West, all in the County of Brookings, South Dakota.

Second, according to Territory Agreement A03.3 dated March 17, 2004, BMU serves residential customers in two platted sections not annexed. Approval for this existing service exception is now sought. The legal description for this service exception is: The two platted sections in the NW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 109 North, Range 49 West, Brookings County, South Dakota.

The utilities, subject to the above agreements, state that the territory changes prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service and prevent the stranding of facilities.

On April 8, 2008, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary changes. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the boundary changes will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and help minimize operational challenges. The Commission concludes that the changes in the service territory boundaries are in the public interest and shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of electric service territory boundary changes between SVE and BMU is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of April, 2008.

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, electronically.

By: Alvaine Kolbo

Date: 4/11/08

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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