

**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 CENTRAL ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SOUTHEASTERN)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)
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**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION TO THE
ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY
EL09-019**

On October 2, 2009, Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) filed for Commission approval of a service territory exception agreement. The exception is being requested to allow Southeastern to provide electric service to a well pump at a location within Central's electric service territory in the NE 1/4 of Section 12 of Township 103 North, Range 57 West of Edgerton Township, Hanson County, South Dakota. A map showing the location was included in the filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 10, 2009, 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 Southeastern may provide electrical service to a well pump as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Central 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 in accordance with the terms of the filed Service Territory Exception Agreement. 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 18th day of November, 2009.

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: <u>Dennis Akthelm</u>
Date: <u>11/18/09</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman *DA*

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner