

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY</p>	<p>) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE SERVICE TERRITORY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, APPROVAL OF OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION, AND APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FROM EL15-004</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p>
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On May 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) and Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) seeking to modify existing service territory boundaries in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On May 4, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 19, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On May 19, 2017, Ronning Enterprises, Inc. filed a Petition to Intervene. On May 31, 2017, Xcel Energy filed a letter requesting delay on action on the petition as Xcel and Sioux Valley had abandoned efforts to exchange territory where Ronning may be impacted by the Parties' Agreement. On June 2, 2017, and June 15, 2017, Ronning Enterprises, Inc. filed a letter requesting a delay on action of the petition. At the June 6, 2017, Commission meeting, Chairperson Fiegen deferred action to the next Commission meeting. At the June 16, 2017, Commission meeting, Commissioner Nelson deferred action indefinitely with the understanding that a new agreement will be filed. On June 27, 2017, Xcel Energy filed a letter regarding the rescission of the original service territory exchange agreement filed May 1, 2017. On June 27, 2017, Ronning Enterprises, Inc. filed a letter requesting to withdraw its Petition to Intervene, effective upon the Commission's approval of the rescission. On July 6, the Commission received an Amended Joint Agreement seeking to modify existing service territory boundaries in and around Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The agreement also includes a service rights exception. On July 19, 2017, Xcel Energy filed a Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL15-004.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 21, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the Joint Request for Approval of a Service Territory Exchange agreement, approval of the Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception, and approval of the Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL15-004. Finding that the agreements will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to customers affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of BHEC's and WREA's electric systems, and that the exception is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Joint Request for Approval of a Service Territory Exchange Agreement, to approve the Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception, and to approve the Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL15-004. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for Approval of a Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley Energy is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception between Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement from EL15-004 is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of July, 2017.

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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 or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>07/28/17</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner