

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT) REQUEST FOR SERVICE RIGHTS) EXCEPTION BETWEEN NORTHERN) STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL) ENERGY AND SOUTHEASTERN) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL) OF ELECTRIC SERVICE) TERRITORY EXCEPTION) AGREEMENT) EL17-044)
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On October 11, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for approval of a Service Territory Exception Agreement (Agreement) between Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) to allow Southeastern to provide one single phase electric service to a business in Xcel Energy territory. Under the Service Rights Exception, Xcel shall retain the right to serve if this single phase electric service needs to be upgraded to three phase electric service.

On October 12, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the initial intervention deadline of October 27, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On October 18, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the revised intervention deadline of October 23, 2017 to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 17, 2017 the parties responded to Commission staff's data requests.

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 October 24, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the Agreement. Finding that the Agreement will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of Xcel Energy's and Southeastern's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of the Service Territory Exception Agreement between Xcel Energy and Southeastern is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of October, 2017.

<p>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>Adam DeHueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/30/17</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