

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION) APPROVAL OF STRAY VOLTAGE TRAINING) PROGRAMS))))	ORDER APPROVING STRAY) VOLTAGE TRAINING) PROGRAMS) EL17-024
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Pursuant to the Commission's Stray Voltage Rules, specifically ARSD 20:10:39:07, the Commission is required to establish and update a list of commission-approved stray current and stray voltage training programs. On May 24, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter from PUC Staff requesting the Commission open a docket to establish and approve a list of stray voltage training programs. After discussing possible stray voltage training programs with interested parties, it was determined that the Commission should consider approving, and listing, stray voltage training programs offered by the University of Wisconsin and Midwest Rural Energy Council.

On May 25, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 9, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 7, 2017, the Commission received a petition to intervene from South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) and the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention on July 6, 2017.

The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-47 and ARSD 20:10:39, specifically ARSD 20:10:39:07.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission approve the stray voltage training programs offered by the University of Wisconsin and the Midwest Rural Energy Council. After discussing the matter, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommended stray voltage training programs. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the stray voltage training programs offered by the University of Wisconsin and Midwest Rural Energy Council are hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of May 2018.

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 or by mail.

By: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 05/17/18

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
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