

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST ) FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION ) BETWEEN OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY ) AND SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY ELECTRIC ) COOPERATIVE )	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL ) OF AN EXCEPTION TO ) ASSIGNED ELECTRIC ) SERVICE TERRITORY ) ) )
	EL13-024

On July 3, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception (Agreement) from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and Sioux Valley Energy Electric Cooperative (Sioux Valley Energy) for Commission approval. The proposed exception to the existing service territory boundary will permit Otter Tail to provide three-phase electric service to Carper Farms, located within Sioux Valley Energy's service territory, in accordance with the Agreement executed by Otter Tail, Sioux Valley Energy, and Carper Farms.

On July 5, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On July 26, 2013, Otter Tail and Sioux Valley Energy submitted a revised Agreement and additional supplemental information to further support the Agreement. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-43 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 30, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended 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 Otter Tail and Sioux Valley Energy's electric systems, and is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the request for approval of the Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception permitting Otter Tail to provide three-phase electric service to Carper Farms, located within Sioux Valley Energy's service territory, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Lashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>08.12.13</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
 GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
 CHRIS NELSON, Commission

Kristie Fiegen  
 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission