

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION)	OF AN EXCEPTION TO
BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY FKA)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC SERVICE
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	TERRITORY
INC. AND SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE INC.)	EL14-041

On May 2, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an executed Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception (Agreement) from Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern). The Agreement sought an exception to the existing service territory boundary in rural Minnehaha County, where Southeastern plans to provide single phase, residential service for a new home to be built within SVE's assigned territory.

On May 8, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 23, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 20, 2014, the Commission's staff (Staff) filed a revised Agreement, dated May 19, 2014, on behalf of SVE and Southeastern which clarified that the Agreement remains effective if the property is transferred to another owner. 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 May 27, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the revised Agreement dated May 19, 2014. Finding that Southeastern's provision of a single phase, residential service for a new home to be built within SVE's assigned territory will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, and promote the efficient and economical use and development of SVE and Southeastern's electric systems, and also finding that it is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of an Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception permitting Southeastern to provide single phase, residential service in Sioux Valley Energy's service territory, as memorialized in the revised Agreement dated May 19, 2014, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of May, 2014.

<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.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Lashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>5.29.14</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, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner