

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)	OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN)	TERRITORY BOUNDARY
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL)	CHANGE
ENERGY AND SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE INC.)	EL14-057

On June 16, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an executed Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exchange (Agreement) from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative Inc. (Southeastern). The Agreement seeks to modify an existing service territory boundary in section 7 of T100N R49W in Lincoln County, South Dakota in southeastern Sioux Falls. This request reflects the first half of the exchange. The second half of this exchange to the east will be completed after that portion of the parties' service territories has been platted. Both parties have agreed that once the property is platted and recorded, another separate filing will take place. The revised boundary segment for which approval is sought in this docket is depicted on the map filed as Exhibit A to the Agreement, in the legal description filed as Exhibit B to the Agreement, and on the map filed by the Commission's staff as Staff Exhibit A.

On June 19, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 7, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. 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 8, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that Xcel has facilities in place to serve the area to be transferred as a result of this boundary change which will result in more efficient service to the area, that Xcel's underground distribution facilities in the area will allow the entire property to be on a loop electric feed benefiting customers in the area should any future switching need to take place, and that the territory exchange is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement and the territory boundary change. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the above-described change to the assigned service territory boundary between Xcel and Southeastern is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of July, 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 Kashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>07.09.14</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner