BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION AGREEMENT WITH SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	)	**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO ASSIGNED ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY** **EL14-071**

On August 1, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) requesting approval of a temporary electric service territory exception agreement between Xcel and Sioux Valley Energy Electric Cooperative (SVE). Under the proposed temporary exception, the companies agree that SVE would provide electric service to a residential customer until such time as Xcel is able to do so.

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 August 6, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the request for a temporary exception to Xcel's assigned electric service territory to permit SVE to provide temporary service to a new customer. Finding that SVE's provision of temporary electric service to the customer will provide adequate electric service to the customer in the near term, that Xcel's provision of electric service to the customer on a long term basis will promote the efficient and economical use and development of Xcel's electric system and service territory, and that the temporary service rights exception agreement is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the temporary exception to Xcel's assigned electric service territory. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of a temporary exception to the assigned electric service territory of Xcel to allow SVE to provide temporary electric service to a new customer until Xcel is able to extend service to such customer is hereby granted subject to the terms of the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of August, 2014.

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.

By: Ty Lashley

Date: 8.19.14

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner