

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES POWER) OF AN EXCEPTION TO ASSIGNED
COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND SIOUX) ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY
VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA SIOUX VALLEY) EL14-078
ENERGY)

On August 26, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a service territory exception agreement (Agreement) between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley). The proposed exception to the existing service territory boundary will permit Sioux Valley to provide 400 amp 1-phase service on a homestead property, located in Xcel's service territory. The exception sought is limited to the 400 amp 1-phase service.

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 September 2, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the joint request for an exception to the electric service territories. Finding that Sioux Valley's provision of 400 amp, 1-phase service to the homestead property located in Xcel's service territory is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the joint request for service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the joint request for approval of an exception to the assigned service territories of Sioux Valley and Xcel is hereby granted in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of September, 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: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>9.8.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner