

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN  
ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY  
CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES POWER  
COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND SIOUX  
VALLEY ENERGY FKA SOUTHWESTERN  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.**

**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL  
OF ELECTRIC SERVICE  
TERRITORY EXCEPTION  
RELEASE AGREEMENT**

**EL15-021**

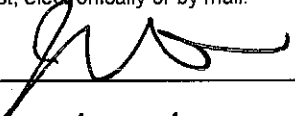
On June 3, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of a Service Territory Release Agreement (Agreement) that would release an existing Xcel grandfathered service territory exception location in Section 34 of T107N R53W, Lake County, South Dakota, to Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley). The Agreement between Xcel and Sioux Valley, if approved, would result in a permanent release by Xcel to Sioux Valley of a customer service location served until now by Xcel under the grandfather clause of SDCL 49-34A-42. The change in service provider to the customer location would most economically accommodate the customer's request for three-phase service. The service rights exception location is graphically depicted on Exhibit A to the Application.

On June 4, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of June 19, 2015, to interested persons 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-55.

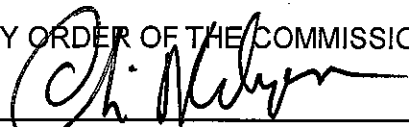
At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 23, 2015, the Commission considered the Application. Commission Staff recommended approval. Commissioner Nelson noted an error in the address of the location, and Xcel confirmed the error and stated it would file the proper address. Finding the requested release of the service territory boundary exception to be in the public interest under the standards set forth in SDCL 49-34A-55, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the request and approve Xcel's release to Sioux Valley of the above described territory boundary exception as set forth in the Agreement. It is therefore

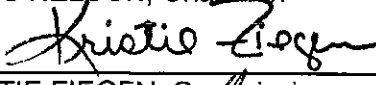
ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of the Service Territory Release Agreement releasing a grandfathered electric service territory exception location from Xcel to Sioux Valley is approved.


Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of June, 2015.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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 or by mail.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner