

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY DOW )  
RUMMEL VILLAGE FOR A VARIANCE FROM )  
THE INDIVIDUAL METERING REQUIREMENT )  
IN ARSD 20:10:26:03 FOR THE VILLAGE )  
NORTH APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN )  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
MASTER METERING  
VARIANCE  
  
EL16-025**

On July 14, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from TSP Inc. (TSP) on behalf of Dow Rummel Village (Dow Rummel). Dow Rummel is requesting a variance from the individual metering requirements set forth in ARSD 20:10:26:03(1). Dow Rummel is considering a renovation to their Village North (R-2 Apartment) Complex, which includes the addition of a generator to provide backup electric generation to the Village North Complex. The Village North Complex consists of two apartment buildings that are located at 1110 North Lake Avenue and 1100 Lake Avenue in Sioux Falls, S.D. Currently, the Village North Complex is individually metered for electric service and master metered for natural gas service. Dow Rummel is requesting to master meter each building of the Village North Complex for electric service in order to reduce administrative burdens, reduce recurring monthly individual meter charges, and allow for the installation of a single generator to provide backup electric service to the two buildings.

On July 15, 2016, the Commission served notice of Dow Rummel's variance request on the affected utility company, Xcel Energy, in accordance with ARSD 20:10:26:06. On July 21, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 5, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On July 27, 2016, notice of the master metering variance request was published in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Argus Leader newspaper in accordance with ARSD 20:10:26:06. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 17, 2016, TSP filed its responses to Commission Staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-27, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:26, particularly 20:10:26:03, 20:10:26:05, and 20:10:26:06.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 30, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that Dow Rummel's request for a variance set forth compelling reasons for granting the variance, including cost effectiveness, energy efficiency, and energy conservation effects, the Commission unanimously voted to grant the request.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Dow Rummel's request for a master metering variance for the Village North (R-2 Apartment) Complex, at the addresses listed above, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August, 2016.

<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.
By: <u>Adam Jeffrock</u>
Date: <u>9/6/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Eiegen  
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner