

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
CONSIDERATION OF RULES)
REGARDING STRAY ELECTRICAL)
CURRENT AND VOLTAGE)
REMEDICATION)

ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND
ESTABLISHING COMMENT
SCHEDULE

RM15-001

On November 4, 2015, the staff (Staff) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) filed a letter requesting the Commission open a rulemaking docket to consider the adoption of stray voltage rules. Pursuant to SDCL 49-47-2, the Commission has one year from July 1, 2015, to promulgate stray voltage rules. Staff included draft stray voltage rules and requested that the Commission allow comments to be received from interested persons or entities on the draft rules. Following the comment period, the Commission would then consider the comments and decide whether to make any changes to the draft rules. The next step would be to proceed to the formal rulemaking process.

On November 5, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

At its November 12, 2015, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapters 1-26 and 49-47. The Commission unanimously voted to open a rulemaking docket for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft rules. The Commission set December 11, 2015, as the date for initial comments, and December 24, 2015, as the date for responsive comments. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a rulemaking docket is open for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft rules; and it is further

ORDERED, that any interested persons wishing to submit comments on the draft rules shall file initial comments by December 11, 2015, and responsive comments by December 24, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day November, 2015.

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 or by mail.

By: ReLayne West

Date: 11-18-15

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner