

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SIOUX )  
VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC FOR )  
APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN IT )  
AND THE CITY OF VOLGA. )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
APPROVAL  
  
EL96-002**

On March 28, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric (SVSE) for approval of an Agreement for Customer Transfer, Service Territory Exception and Sale of Property between the City of Volga (City) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative. Letters of Consent signed by the affected customers were also included in the filing. The filing stated: "The parties have agreed, and seek the Commission's approval of the Agreement, which provides for the following service territory accommodations:

-Electric service to the Dwayne Lanam residence located within the service territory of the City of Volga would be permanently transferred from SVSE.

-By the way of an exception to the service territory, the City of Volga would be allowed to provide electric service to the Henry Meyer farm located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, T110N, R51W, and to the John Cotton pasture pump located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, T110N, R51W. These services lie within SVSE's service territory, but service from the City would eliminate unnecessary costs associated with the construction of a new transmission line by the City.

-The City would purchase electric service facilities dedicated to providing electric service to these customers from SVSE."

On April 23, 1996, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the customer transfer, service territory exchange and sale of property will eliminate unnecessary cost and duplication of facilities in the construction of the 69 KV transmission line. The Commission therefore concludes that the customer transfer, service territory exchange and sale of property is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that the request seeking approval of customer transfer, service territory exchange and sale of property is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 1996.

**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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By:

Dilaine Kacho

Date:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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