

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR) ORDER GRANTING
SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN) APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC
SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC) SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION
COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA SIOUX VALLEY)
ENERGY AND LYON RURAL ELECTRIC) EL20-034
COOPERATIVE)**

On December 2, 2020, the Commission received a joint request for approval of an Agreement for Electric Service Territory Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Sioux Valley) and Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Lyon). The Agreement will allow Lyon to provide single-phase electric service to new rural service in Tract 1 Funke's Addition, an addition in the SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 101 North, Range 48 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, located in Sioux Valley's territory.

On December 3, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 18, 2020, to interested individuals and entities 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-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the requested service rights exception. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of Sioux Valley and Lyon's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of February 2021.

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 mail.
By: <u>Adam Detbeck</u>
Date: <u>02/03/2021</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner