

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ) ORDER GRANTING  
ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN ) APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC  
NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND ) SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION  
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC )  
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**EL21-020**

On June 29, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for approval of service rights exception between Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. The Agreement will allow Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. to provide electric service in the assigned territory of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative intends to provide single-phase service by territory exception to a restored barn site.

On July 1, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 16, 2021, 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 July 22, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. 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 Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

<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 Hueckle</u>
Date: <u>7/29/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairperson

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner