

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN        NORTHERN        ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.</b>	) ) ) ) ) ) )	<b>ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION  EL21-027</b>
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On September 29, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Service Rights Exception Agreement between Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Agreement). The filing included a consent to the Agreement by the landowner for the service rights exception. The Agreement will allow Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., to provide electric service in the assigned territory of Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. since Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has existing facilities closer to the intended site. Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. intends to provide single phase service for irrigations pumps and a pivot located at:

The North Half of Section 1, Township 128N, Range 61W, Brown County, South Dakota.

On September 30, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 15, 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 October 28, 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 the utilities' electric system, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the requested electric service rights exception. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 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><i>Harold E. Cremer</i></u>
Date: <u><i>11/01/21</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u><i>Chris Nelson</i></u>
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman
<u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner
<u><i>Gary Hanson</i></u>
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