

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE BOUNDARY)
CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES)
POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND)
SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)
INC.)

**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY
BOUNDARY CHANGE**

EL22-015

On June 15, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Service Territory Exchange Agreement (Agreement) between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern). The Agreement amends the existing electric service territory boundary that was approved by the Commission in docket EL19-021. Specifically, Xcel and Southeastern agreed to exchange service territory between the utilities in section 35 of Township 100N, Range 50W in Lincoln County to make the servicing of a newly platted development more efficient from a construction and development standpoint.

On June 16, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 1, 2022, 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, 49-34A-43, and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 19, 2022, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the electric service territory boundary change will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to the customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the utilities' electric systems, and is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the requested electric service territory boundary change and approve the associated Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the electric service territory boundary change and the associated Agreement between Xcel Energy and Southeastern is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of July 2022.

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: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>07/22/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner