

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR  
SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN  
DOUGLAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
AND SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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**ORDER GRANTING  
APPROVAL OF AN  
ELECTRIC SERVICE  
RIGHTS EXCEPTION**

**EL22-030**

On October 17, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Agreement for Exception to Service between Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern Electric) and Douglas Electric Cooperative (Douglas). Douglas agreed to allow Southeastern Electric to provide electrical service to a property in Douglas' assigned service territory. The legal description for the property is the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 100 North (T100N), Range 62 West (R062W), Douglas County, South Dakota. Southeastern Electric has an existing service located closer to the property and that will result in a lower contribution in aid of construction for the owner to receive electrical service.

On October 20, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 4, 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 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 8, 2022, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 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>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date:	<u>11/9/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

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Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner