

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT SERVICE)
EXCEPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A)
MINNESOTA CORPORATION DBA XCEL)
ENERGY AND SIOUX VALLEY SOUTHWESTERN)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)** **ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE
RIGHTS EXCEPTION**

EL23-023

On August 23, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint petition from Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Sioux Valley) requesting the Commission approve a service rights exception. The service rights exception will allow Xcel to provide service to six (6) 200 amp, 1-phase residential services in Sioux Valley service territory. The proposed residential services are located in the southwest quadrant of T101N R49W S24 in Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

On August 24, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 8, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 5, 2023, Xcel filed an updated Exhibit B.

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 10, 2023, 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 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 12th day of October 2023.

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><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date: <u>12 October 2023</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner