

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION BETWEEN) OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE
DOUGLAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND) RIGHTS EXCEPTION
SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC.) EL24-031**

On October 1, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for a service rights exception between Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Douglas) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern). The proposed service rights exception will allow Douglas to provide single-phase electrical service for a new residential service in Southeastern's assigned service territory. The location for the property is the Northwest quarter (NW1/4) of the Southwest quarter (SW1/4) of Section 7, T099N, R061W, of Susquehanna Township in Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

On October 3, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 18, 2024, 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 22, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approving the requested service rights exception. 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 23rd day of October 2024.

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>23 October 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner