

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER ESTABLISHING DATE
SWEETMAN CONST. CO. DBA KNIFE)	FOR DECISION AND ORAL
RIVER, TO HAVE XCEL ENERGY)	ARGUMENTS
ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN)	
THE SERVICE AREA OF SIOUX VALLEY)	
ELECTRIC)	EL25-032

On September 12, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Sweetman Const. Co. dba Knife River (Knife River) to have Xcel Energy (Xcel), assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service Area of Sioux Valley Electric (Sioux Valley). The Petition asks the Commission for an order pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56 that allows Knife River to take electric service from Xcel, for its proposed rock crushing plant to be located at 25944 482nd Ave., Brandon, South Dakota. The location is currently within the assigned service area of Sioux Valley. Pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56, new customers at new locations that develop after March 21, 1975, and who require electric service with a contracted minimum demand of two thousand kilowatts or more, are not obligated to take electric service from the electric utility having the assigned service area where the customer is located if the Commission so determines, after consideration of certain factors set forth in statute.

On September 18, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 3, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On October 27, 2025, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Xcel Energy were granted intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A.

The Commission held an evidentiary hearing in this matter on April 13, 2026. On May 26, 2026, the Commission issued Order Establishing Post-Hearing Briefing Schedule. Knife River submitted its post-hearing brief on May 15, 2026. Sioux Valley Electric, East River Electric and Basin Electric submitted their joint post-hearing brief on June 12, 2026. Staff submitted its post-hearing brief on June 12, 2026. Knife River submitted its reply brief on June 29, 2026.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the matter shall come before the Commission for a decision on July 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. CT at the State Capital Building in Pierre, South Dakota in room 413 at the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. It is further

ORDERED, the parties may present closing arguments at that time. Each party shall have five minutes for closing arguments and Knife River shall have an additional three minutes for rebuttal argument.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of July 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

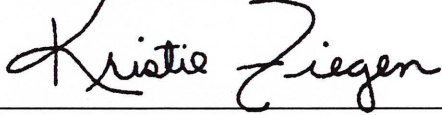
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: 

Date: 7 July 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner