

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SWEETMAN)
CONST. CO. DBA KNIFE RIVER, TO HAVE XCEL)
ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN)
THE SERVICE AREA OF SIOUX VALLEY ELECTRIC)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

EL25-032

On September 12, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from 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. Under 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 1, 2025, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., and East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. petitioned to intervene. On October 2, 2025, Basin Electric Power Cooperative petitioned to intervene. On October 3, 2025, Xcel Energy petitioned to intervene and submitted an Amended Petition to Intervene on October 7, 2025.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and SDCL 49-34A-56 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 2025, the Commission considered the Petitions to Intervene. Neither Sweetman Const. Co. dba Knife River nor Commission staff objected to the interventions. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Xcel Energy's Petitions to Intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Xcel Energy's Petitions to Intervene are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of October 2025.

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: *Kristie Fiegen*

Date: 27 October 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner