

**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)
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**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF
MOTION HEARING ON LESS
THAN 10 DAYS' NOTICE**

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. Intervention has been granted to Sioux Valley, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Xcel Energy. On November 24, 2025, Knife River filed a Motion for a Procedural Schedule (Motion).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapters 1-26 and 49-34A. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.02, the Commission may order a hearing on less than ten days' notice if the Commission determines good cause exists therefor. The Commission finds that because Knife River's Motion requests a shortened discovery deadline as well as filing deadlines which, if adopted, would require Petitioner's testimony to be filed by January 15, 2026, good cause exists to hear this Motion on less than ten days' notice.

It is therefore

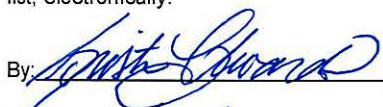
ORDERED, that a hearing on Knife River's Motion for a Procedural schedule will be held in conjunction with the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., CT, at the Matthew Training Center in the Foss Building in Pierre, South Dakota. It is further

ORDERED, that Parties may file responses no later than 1:00 p.m., CT, on December 1, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of November 2025.

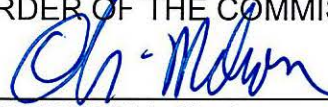
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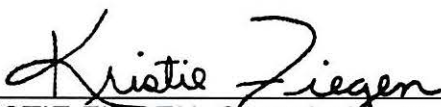
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.

By: 

Date: 24 Nov 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner