

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER ESTABLISHING POST-
SWEETMAN CONST. CO. DBA KNIFE)	HEARING BRIEFING SCHEDULE
RIVER, TO HAVE XCEL ENERGY)	
ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN)	
THE SERVICE AREA OF SIOUX VALLEY)	EL25-032
ELECTRIC)	

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. Following the evidentiary hearing, the parties worked together to develop a post-hearing briefing schedule and communicated the same to Commission Counsel on May 22, 2026. Knife River submitted its post-hearing brief on May 15, 2026, therefore, the deadline for Knife River to submit its initial brief is not included in this Order. The parties having come to an agreement as to the remaining briefing schedule, it is therefore

ORDERED, that intervenor and staff briefs shall be filed on or before 5:00 p.m. CT, June 15, 2026. It is further

ORDERED, that Knife River may file a reply brief no later than June 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. CT.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of May 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: *Kristie Fiegen*

Date: *20 May 2026*

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner