

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR
APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY
EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
ELK POINT AND UNION COUNTY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE**

**) ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
) OF ELECTRIC SERVICE
) TERRITORY EXCHANGE
) AGREEMENT**

) EL25-003

On February 13, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for a service territory exchange from the City of Elk Point (Elk Point) and Union County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Union County). The proposed exchange will transfer service rights of certain agreed upon parcels from Union County to Elk Point.

On February 20, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 7, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On January 16, 2026, Commission staff (Staff) filed a legal description of the parcels.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-42, 49-34A-43, and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the Agreement. Finding that the Agreement will avoid the unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the affected customers, and promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the utilities, and, further finding that the Agreement is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Elk Point and Union County is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of January 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: 28 January 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner