

**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
SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
AND DOUGLAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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

EL25-036

On October 22, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) and Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Douglas Electric). The proposed exception will permit Douglas Electric to provide a single phase, residential electric load, located within Southeastern's designated service area. The property is situated in the Southwest quarter (SW¼) of the Northwest quarter (NW¼) of Section 30, T1 OON, R061 W, of Starr Township in Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

On October 23, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 7, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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 November 18, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Commission 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 Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of November 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: [Signature]

Date: 19 Nov 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner