

**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 EXCEPTION AGREEMENT) BETWEEN CENTRAL ELECTRIC) COOPERATIVE, INC. AND DAKOTA ENERGY) COOPERATIVE, INC.)	)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION AGREEMENT EL26-027
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On September 4, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Exception Agreement. Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central) and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Dakota Energy) filed a Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Exception Agreement. (Agreement) Central and Dakota Energy request that the Commission approve an agreement allowing Dakota Energy to provide single-phase electric service to power a residential home located within Central's electric service territory at the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 5, Township 108 North, Range 62 West, Warren Township, in Sanborn County. The location of Dakota Energy's existing single-phase service results in substantially lower contribution in aid of construction for the customer.

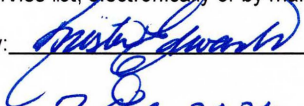
On September 10, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 25, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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

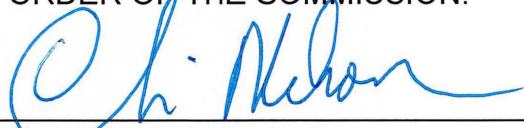
At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 6, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the Agreement will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of the utilities' electric systems, and that the Agreement is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Electric Service Territory Exception Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. is hereby approved.

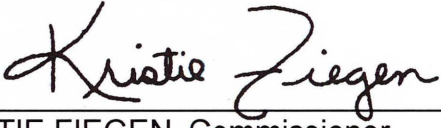
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of October 2026.

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: <u></u>
Date: <u>7 Oct 2026</u>

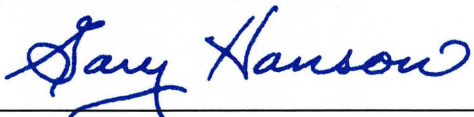
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner