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 SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	)	**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION AGREEMENT**
	)	**EL26-010**

On April 14, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Exception Agreement. Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Central) request that the Commission approve an agreement allowing Southeastern to provide three-phase electric service to a commercial business located within Central's electric service territory at the SE1/4 of the NE/14, North and East of Railroad Right-of-Way, of Section 36, Township 102N, Range 57W, in Hanson County. The location of Southeastern's existing three-phase facilities results in substantially lower contribution-in-aid-of-construction for the customer.

On April 16, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 1, 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 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the electric service territory exception 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 exception to the electric utilities' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the electric service territory exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the electric service territory exception and the associated agreement is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th 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: Cristie Edwards

Date: 11th May 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner