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 SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND CITY OF MADISON, SD	**EL-26-033** **SIOUX VALLEY ELECTRIC'S RESPONSES TO THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

Docket Number:	EL26-033
Subject Matter:	First Data Request
Request to:	Sioux Valley Energy
Request from:	South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request:	November 3, 2026
Responses Due:	November 17, 2026

1-1 See the Service Map filed in the docket. Provide a map Key, as none was provided.

Response:
See Map and Legend attached as Exhibit A.

1-2 Pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-55, provide an explanation of how this project will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of the facilities in the area affected.

Response:
SDCL § 49-34A-55 provides in relevant part: "The factors to consider shall include the elimination or avoidance of unnecessary duplication of facilities, providing adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, and the promotion of the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities."

If the Commission were to refrain from approving the pending request, in order for St. Thomas Cemetery to receive electric service for its requested minimal usage, Sioux Valley Energy would need to extend its 7,200 volt primary cable over 2,700 feet to power a small storage shed and LED lighting at St. Thomas Cemetery. Such

extension would require a contribution in aid of construction of approximately $11,000.00 to be paid by St. Thomas Cemetery.

The City of Madison has agreed to provide single phase service to this customer and is able to do so without extending its electric service infrastructure to such an extent to provide the electric service to this customer.

As such, approval of the pending request by the Commission would eliminate needless expense for St. Thomas Cemetery and the needless extension of electric service facilities by Sioux Valley Energy.

1-3 Pursuant to SDCL § 49-34-55, provide an explanation of how this project will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric system of the contracting utilities.

Response:
See Response to 1-2, as well as Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Letter regarding Service Exception Agreement (Filed Document 11/02/26).

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