

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY)	APPROVAL OF CHANGES
BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XCEL)	IN THE ELECTRIC SERVICE
ENERGY, INC. AND SIOUX VALLEY-)	TERRITORY
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)	
INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY)	EL05-012

On April 1, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) for approval of an electric service territory boundary change. The agreement seeks a modification to existing service territories to allow each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories. The developer of Sunrise Estates Addition concurs with the request. The electric service boundary change is as follows:

SVE agrees to transfer to Xcel the area defined as "Sioux Valley Energy Lot Exchange" presently residing in Block 1 north of the existing territory boundary line in Sunrise Estates Addition in the SW 1/4 of Section 36, Township 102 North, Range 48 West, Brandon Township of Minnehaha County, South Dakota. All new services within the transferred territory will be served by Xcel.

Xcel agrees to transfer to SVE the area defined as "Xcel Energy Lot Exchange" presently residing in Blocks 1, 2 and 3 south of the existing territory boundary line in Sunrise Estates Addition in the SW 1/4 of Section 36, Township 102 North, Range 48 West, Brandon Township of Minnehaha County, South Dakota. All new services within the transferred territory will be served by SVE.

On April 26, 2005, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the boundary change. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the change in service territory boundary will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Xcel and SVE. The Commission therefore concludes that the change in the service territory boundary is in the public interest and it shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an electric service territory boundary change between Xcel and SVE is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May, 2005.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Delaine Kolbo*

Date: 5/5/05

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner