

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS
EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY-
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY AND
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
D/B/A XCEL ENERGY

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**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION TO THE
ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY**

EL06-012

On April 13, 2006, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) and Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed a joint request with the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow Xcel to provide electric service to a security light for the Fraternal Order of Police. The light is to be mounted on an existing pole along the north side of Highway 38/42 in the NW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 101 North, Range 48 West, in Minnehaha County. The agreement will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of such service.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 9, 2006, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that Xcel may provide electric service to a security light for the Fraternal Order of Police as it 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 Sioux Valley and Xcel. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of May, 2006.

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: Tim Dougan

Date: 5/23/06

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner