

**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 CENTRAL ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. AND XCEL ENERGY)
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**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION TO THE
ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY
EL08-019**

On July 2, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of a service exception for Xcel Energy to provide service to one customer within the boundaries of Central Electric's service territory. The customer approves of the request to the Commission for Xcel Energy to provide the service to a residence located in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 17, Township 106 North, Range 55 West in Miner County, South Dakota.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 29, 2008, 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 electrical service to a residence in Central Electric's service territory 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 Xcel and Central Electric. 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 assigned service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August, 2008.

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| By: <u><i>Aldine Kolbe</i></u> |
| Date: <u>8/7/08</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner