

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)	ORDER GRANTING
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS)	APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY)	EXCEPTION TO THE
ENERGY AND XCEL ENERGY)	ASSIGNED ELECTRIC
)	SERVICE TERRITORY
)	EL08-023

On July 28, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) and Xcel Energy (Xcel) for approval of a service territory exception which would allow Xcel to serve a customer facility located in Sioux Valley's service territory. The customer approves the request. The customer facility is located in the NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 107 North, Range 53 West, Lake County, South Dakota.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 9, 2008, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request, with the provision that Xcel provide a description of the facilities constructed and its cost after construction is completed.

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 customer facility in Sioux Valley'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 Sioux Valley. 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, with the provision that Xcel provide a description of the facilities constructed and its cost after construction is completed

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of September, 2008.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Aldine Kalbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>9/16/08</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner