

**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 ENERGY AND ) CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ) ) )	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE ASSIGNED ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EL08-026
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On September 5, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing by Sioux Valley Energy (SVE) and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) for approval of a territory exception which would allow CEC to provide electric service to a new rural service in SVE's territory in the NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 105 North, Range 54 West, Lake County, South Dakota.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 7, 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 CEC may provide electrical service to a new rural service located in SVE'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 CEC and SVE. 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.

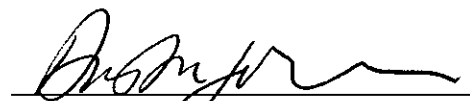
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2008.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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GARY HANSON, Chairman

  
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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

  
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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner