

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST ) FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION ) BETWEEN DAKOTA ENERGY ) COOPERATIVE, INC. AND NORTHERN ) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION  EL17-023
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On May 9, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received the Petition of Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Dakota Energy) and Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NEC) for Service Rights Exception to allow NEC to provide electric service to a card toll fueling station at Bonilla, SD, located in Dakota Energy's territory. The location of the fueling station will be in Koester Outlot A in the NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 13, Range 64 West, in Beadle County, South Dakota. Under the service rights exception, Dakota Energy does not consent to the extension of service to any other customer or facility besides the card toll fueling station.

On May 11, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 26, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting approval of the requested service rights exception. Finding that the service rights exception will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to the customer affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of NEC's and Dakota Energy's electric systems, and that the exception to the parties' assigned service territories is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested service rights exception. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition of Dakota Energy and NEC for Service Rights Exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of June, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>6/13/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner