

**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 NORTHERN STATES ) POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND ) CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION  EL11-011
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On May 23, 2011, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing from Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) and Central Electric Cooperative (Central Electric) requesting approval of an electric service territory exception. On June 29, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Granting Approval of an Exception to the Assigned Electric Service Territory. On April 23, 2018, Central Electric filed a letter relating to the exception agreement previously approved in this docket. On July 11, 2018, Xcel Energy and Central Electric jointly filed an Exception Agreement which would allow Xcel Energy to provide three phase service to a shop located next to the grain bin site served by Xcel Energy from the 2011 service rights exception. The customer consented to be served by Xcel Energy.

On July 19, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 3, 2018, 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 August 7, 2018, 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 Xcel Energy's and Central Electric'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 request for approval of the Exception Agreement is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

<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>Adam de Huelde</u>
Date: <u>8/9/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner