

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF)
STRAY VOLTAGE QUALIFIED TESTING)
PROFESSIONALS)**

**ORDER
EL18-014**

On March 19, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from STAR Energy Services LLC requesting approval of stray voltage testing professionals. Specifically, STAR Energy Services LLC requested that the Commission find David Lowell Kvidt and Anthony Albert Kassa possess the knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education that qualifies them as stray voltage qualified testing professionals. Further, STAR Energy Services LLC requested that the Commission find Alan William Haman, PE, possesses the knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education that qualifies him as a qualified stray voltage testing analyst. This request came pursuant to ARSD 20:10:39:09.

On March 22, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Petition and the intervention deadline of March 30, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On March 30, 2018, South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-47 and ARSD 20:10:39.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. After discussing SDREA's interest in this matter, SDREA decided to withdraw its Petition to Intervene. Commission staff recommended that the Commission approve STAR Energy Services LLC request. Finding that David Kvidt and Anthony Kassa possess the knowledge, skill, experience, training, and education to be qualified testing professionals and further finding that David Haman, PE, possesses the knowledge, skill, experience, training, and education to be a qualified testing analyst, the Commission voted unanimously to approve STAR Energy Services LLC's request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that David Lowell Kvidt and Anthony Albert Kassa are approved as qualified testing professionals for conducting stray voltage investigations in South Dakota. It is further

ORDERED, that Alan William Haman, PE, is approved as a qualified testing analyst for conducting stray voltage investigations in South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of April 2018.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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 DeFueck</u>
Date: <u>4/9/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner