

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE BOUNDARY)
CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES)
POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND)
SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC.)

**ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
SERVICE TERRITORY
BOUNDARY CHANGE**

EL18-058

On December 14, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint service territory exchange agreement between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern). The exchange involves Xcel service territory in Section 14 of T103N, R55W in McCook County for service territory and current service rights exceptions of Southeastern in Section 13 of T103N, R55W in McCook County. On February 26, 2019, the companies responded to staff's data request. Staff filed a letter into the docket on March 11, 2019.

On December 20, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 4, 2019, 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, 49-34A-43, and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the boundary change. Finding that the agreement will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to customers affected, promote the efficient and economical use and development of Xcel's and Southeastern's electric systems, and is based on the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request for a territory boundary change. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the above-described change to the assigned territory boundary between Xcel and Southeastern is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of March 2019.

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| 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 deHuelle</u> |
| Date: <u>3/22/19</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner