

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST ) FOR SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION ) BETWEEN SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC ) COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SIOUX VALLEY- ) SOUTHWESTERN COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA ) SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY )	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION  EL19-023
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On May 2, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing requesting approval of an electric service rights exception between Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley). The Exception to Electric Service on Assigned Areas would allow Sioux Valley to provide single phase electric service up to 100 kVA to a property within Section 8, Township 100 North, Range 52 West, Turner County, at location 45935 268<sup>th</sup> St., Chancellor, South Dakota, located in Southeastern's territory.

On May 9, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 24, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On June 4, 2019, the companies responded to Commission staff's data request.

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 11, 2019, 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 Southeastern and Sioux Valley'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 electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

<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><i>Frank Cremer</i></u>
Date: <u>06/13/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner