

**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 SIOUX)
VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA SIOUX VALLEY)
ENERGY)

ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN
ELECTRIC SERVICE
BOUNDARY CHANGE

EL19-024

On May 17, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Joint Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative. The area to be exchanged includes a portion of the Willow Ridge Addition development in northeastern Sioux Falls. The exchange also includes portions of sections 8, 9, 16, and 17 of T101N, R48W, in Minnehaha County that were inadvertently missed during the review of boundaries in EL15-004.

On May 23, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 7, 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 21, 2019, and July 2, 2019, the companies responded to staff data requests. On July 2, 2019, the companies filed an amended agreement and Exhibit F.

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 July 25, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended granting 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 Sioux Valley'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 boundary is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of July 2019.

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 DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>7/31/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner