

**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 DOUGLAS) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS EXCEPTION EL19-036
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On October 4, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing requesting approval of an Exception to Electric Service on Assigned Areas between Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southeastern) and Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Douglas) to allow Douglas to provide single-phase electric service to a property within the southwest corner of Section 19 in Township 100 North, Range 61 West, 5th P.M., Hutchinson County, located in Southeastern's territory.

On October 10, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 25, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The companies responded to staff's data request on October 15, 2019.

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 October 30, 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 Douglas and Southeastern'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 31st day of October 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 de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>10/31/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner