

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )  
FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS )  
EXCEPTION 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  
RIGHTS EXCEPTION**

**EL20-020**

On June 16, 2020, the Commission received a filing requesting approval of a Joint Service Exception Agreement for Electric Service between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Sioux Valley) to allow Xcel Energy to provide a 400 amp, 3-phase grain dryer electric service located in Section 2 of Township 103 North, Range 48 West in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. The service address is 48296 251st Street, Garretson, South Dakota 57030 and is located in Sioux Valley's service territory.

On June 18, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 6, 2020, 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 through 49-34A-44 and 49-34A-55.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. 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 Xcel Energy 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 requested electric service rights exception is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

<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>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: <u>7/9/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner