

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST)
FOR 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

EL22-035

On December 22, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Service Exception Agreement between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) requesting Commission approval of the Service Exception Agreement. Xcel Energy agreed to allow Sioux Valley to provide electrical service to a property in Xcel Energy's assigned service territory. The location for the property is the T101N R49W Section 12 in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. The 13 streetlights are located along E. Tahoe Street and Powder House Road. Sioux Valley has an existing service located closer to the property and the City of Sioux Falls, who owns the streetlights, has provided their approval in Exhibit B filed in the docket.

On December 29, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 13, 2023, 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 January 17, 2023, 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 the utilities' 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 19 day of January 2023.

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>Karen E. Cronin</u>
Date:	<u>01/19/23</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Piegen
KRISTIE PIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner