

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL ENERGY AND SIOUX VALLEY SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.</b>	) ) ) ) ) )	<b>ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY BOUNDARY CHANGE  EL23-029</b>
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On September 20, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change (Agreement) between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) and Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Sioux Valley) The Agreement seeks to exchange territory located in section 17 of Township 101 North, Range 48 West. The purpose of the Agreement is to avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities.

On September 21, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 6, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On December 6, 2023, Xcel Energy filed a letter and revised Exhibits. On January 24, 2024, Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley responded to Commission staff's data requests.

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 February 20, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the electric service territory boundary change will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to the customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the utilities' electric systems, and is in the public interest, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the requested electric service territory boundary change with the inclusion of the language suggested by Commission Staff in Discovery Request 1-2, filed on January 24, 2024, and to and approve the associated Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request for approval of the electric service territory boundary change with the inclusion of the language suggested by Staff and the associated Agreement between Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of February 2024.

<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></u>
Date: <u>22 February 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner