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--Via Electronic Filing--

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: 2011 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE
ADJUSTMENT PETITION
DOCKET NO. EL10-014

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On October 6, 2010, Xcel Energy filed its petition for approval of 2011 Transmission Cost Recovery project eligibility, rate factors, and 2010 true-up report ("2011 TCR Petition") in Docket No. EL10-014. We request that our petition be withdrawn and that Docket No. EL10-014 be closed.

Over the course of the past year, the Company and Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission have discussed the 2011 TCR Petition in light of filings by other companies and decisions made by the Commission. On November 30, 2011, the Commission approved a Settlement Agreement between Ottertail Power Company and Commission Staff regarding cost allocation pertaining to large, regional transmission line projects in Docket No. EL10-015. Because our 2011 TCR Petition involved the same cost allocation issue, Commission Staff requested that we resubmit our 2011 TCR Petition as a 2011-2012 consolidated filing, reflecting the cost allocation approved by the Commission in Docket No. EL10-015. We resubmitted our filing as a 2011-2012 TCR petition in Docket No. EL12-035 on April 30, 2012 as requested by Commission Staff. Since we have filed a new petition, it is appropriate to close Docket No. EL10-014.

Please call me at (605) 339-8350 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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Enclosure