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

RE: 2011-2012 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY ELIGIBILITY AND RATE
ADJUSTMENT PETITION
DOCKET NO. EL12-_____

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached is Xcel Energy's 2011-2012 Transmission Cost Recovery petition for approval of project eligibility, TCR rate factors, and tracker account report. Please note that the Company was asked to resubmit its 2011 TCR petition as a 2011-2012 consolidated filing because of cost allocation issues pertaining to regional transmission projects that were germane to both the Company's 2011 filing and Ottertail Power's TCR filing in Docket No. EL10-015. Xcel Energy has prepared this petition in accord with the Settlement Stipulation Agreement reached in the Otter Tail Docket and has followed the approved cost recovery methodology, referred to as the "hybrid method", described in the Settlement Stipulation Agreement and Staff Memorandum dated November 16, 2011

Please note that Attachment 31 has been marked **CONFIDENTIAL** because it contains trade secret data as explained at pages 14-15 of the Petition. The confidential information containing trade secret data has been excised.

Please call me at (612) 330-6750 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

SINCERELY,

/s/

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REGULATORY CASE SPECIALIST

Enclosure