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Ms. Patty VanGerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

In accordance with Docket EL91-004, and EL09-009, enclosed please find Xcel Energy's report on 2012 economic development activities and 2013 budget.

The report is organized as follows: The first page reiterates the budget that was planned for the year 2012. The second page depicts the actual economic development investments that Xcel Energy made in 2012. The third page provides a budget that Xcel Energy plans for 2013. The pages following those provide documentation of the actual expenses that Xcel Energy incurred in this program in 2012.

Xcel Energy respectfully requests approval of our 2012 report and the 2013 economic development budget.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Wilcox'.

Jim Wilcox