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Mr. Brian Rounds  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: EL13-020 and EL12-063, In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345 kV Transmission Line**

Dear Mr. Rounds:

Attached with this letter are 43 files transmitting final pre-construction plans for the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345 kV Transmission Line. This submittal is required under Stipulation Item 13 approved in Docket EL12-063 and under Stipulation Item 31 approved in Docket EL13-020. The project was designed and will be built as a single project but was permitted under two dockets.

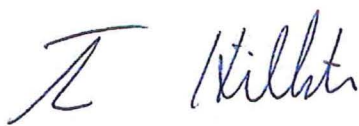
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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,



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