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For Electronic Filing

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:

This letter transmits copies of local permits received for the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345kV transmission line project. This submittal is required under Stipulation Item 1 in both Dockets (EL12-063 and EL13-020). Attached to this letter are zoning permits received from Grant and Deuel Counties. A zoning permit was not required for Brookings County. Also attached are road crossing permits for state highways and county roads.

We are currently completing haul route agreements and access permits. We will file these separately when they are received.

Please let me know if you have any questions with this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hillstrom'.

Thomas G. Hillstrom
Permitting Manager
Xcel Energy
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Enclosures

- Deuel County Zoning Permit
- Grant County Zoning Permit
- State Highway Permits
- Grant County Road Permits
- Deuel County Road Permits
- Brookings County Road Permits