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500 West Russell Street  
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—Via Electronic Filing—

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: JOINT SERVICE EXCEPTION AGREEMENT  
DOCKET NO. EL17-\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, Xcel Energy and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Southeastern Coop”) (collectively, the “Parties”) respectfully request confidential treatment of the information provided in this filing. The Parties address the Commission’s five factors for consideration of confidential data as follows:

(1) An identification of the document and the general subject matter of the materials or the portions of the document for which confidentiality is being requested:

This Petition, the enclosed Service Exception Agreement (Exhibit A), associated map (Exhibit B) and a letter from the customer (Exhibit C) provide the identity and location of the Southeastern Coop customer.

(2) The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested and a request for handling at the end of that time. This does not preclude a later request to extend the period of confidential treatment:

The Parties requests that the data contained in this report be treated as confidential forever.

(3) The name, address, and phone number of a person to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request:

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Xcel Energy  
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Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
(605) 339-8350

(4) The statutory or common law grounds and any administrative rules under which confidentiality is requested. Failure to include all possible grounds for confidential treatment does not preclude the party from raising additional grounds in the future:

The information meets the definition of “proprietary information” under SDCL § 1-27-28, which is defined as “information on pricing, costs, revenue, taxes, market share, customers, and personnel held by private entities and used for that private entity’s business purposes.”

The information meets the provisions of SDCL § 1-27-30, which states: “Confidentiality of proprietary or trade information of private entity. All proprietary or trade secret information obtained by a state agency from or concerning a private entity is confidential, except as provided by § 1-27-31.”

(5) The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality under the authority cited:

Maps or other information showing the location of a specifically identifiable customer who has not consented to public release of this information, such as that marked as non-public in this filing, is proprietary or confidential as provided for in the above cited state law.

#### BACKGROUND

Xcel Energy was contacted by [CONFIDENTIAL DATA BEGINS ██████████  
██████████ CONFIDENTIAL DATA ENDS] (“the Customer”) the week of September 11, 2017 for a new service request at [CONFIDENTIAL

DATA BEGINS [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL  
DATA ENDS].

On September 14, 2017 Xcel Energy informed the Customer that it would be cost prohibitive to provide service to the new site as the minimum estimated cost would be \$17,383. On the same day, Xcel Energy contacted Southeastern Coop to determine if they would be interested in servicing this customer. Their estimated cost is \$4,480.

Although the Customer is currently in Xcel Energy service territory, the Customer's primary load is served by Southeastern Coop under SDCL § 49-34A-56, whereby large new customers are not required to take service from assigned utility with factors considered. The other major factor is Xcel Energy would need to cross a railroad right of way.

#### AGREEMENT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

A. Agreement is in the public interest.

The Customer is a current customer of Southeastern Coop, and via Exhibit C has acknowledged service from Xcel Energy would be cost prohibitive and affirmed they are amenable to Southeastern Coop to provide the new single phase electric service.

B. Duplication of facilities avoided.

The Parties do not currently have electric service line in the immediate area.

C. Adequate electric service provided.

Southeastern Coop is positioned to safely and reliably serve the Customer's requested load.

D. Efficient and economical use and development of electric systems.

Southeastern Coop is able to provide an estimated minimum savings of \$13,000 in development of the distribution grid and Xcel Energy and its customer base are not materially harmed by allowing this single service exception.

#### CONCLUSION

Xcel Energy and Southeastern Electric Cooperative Inc. respectfully request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approve the executed Exception Agreement and allow Southeastern Coop to serve the customer's single phase electric service.

If there are any questions, please call me at 605-339-8350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Kolbeck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

STEVEN T. KOLBECK  
PRINCIPAL MANAGER

Enclosures