

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY XCEL)
ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF THE)
CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD SIMPLE CYCLE)
COMBUSTION TURBINE GENERATOR AT)
THE ANGUS C. ANSON SITE NEAR SIOUX)
FALLS)

ORDER ACCEPTING
CERTIFICATION

EL03-033

On December 19, 2003, the Commission received a request from Xcel Energy that the facility permit order issued in Docket EL91-001 on May 20, 1993, be amended to reflect the proposed construction of a third simple cycle combustion turbine generator at the Angus C. Anson Site near Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The unit will be a General Electric Model 7FA, with a nominal capacity of 160 MW. The Commission's original order approved the construction of up to four 100-megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine generators at the site. Two 105-megawatt combustion turbines have already been installed. This filing by Xcel Energy is to certify that the conditions leading to the issuance of the Facility Siting Permit in Docket EL91-001 will continue to be met.

On December 31, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 9, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. On January 8, 2004, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern). At a regularly scheduling meeting of January 20, 2004, the Commission granted intervention to Northern. On March 4, 2004, the Commission held a public meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, regarding this matter. On March 19, 2004, the Commission received a Certification from Xcel.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05 and 20:10:22.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 23, 2004, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted to accept the certification as conforming to SDCL 49-41B-27. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the certification is hereby accepted as conforming to SDCL 49-41B-27.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of April, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>4/6/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner