

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF XCEL ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2009 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND 2010 BUDGET</p>	<p>)))))))</p>	<p>ORDER APPROVING 2009 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND 2010 BUDGET</p> <p>EL10-002</p>
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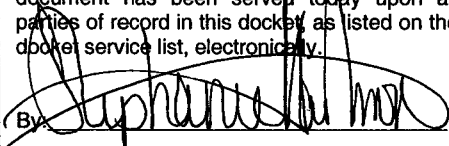
On March 22, 2010, Xcel Energy (Xcel) filed for approval of its 2009 Economic Development Annual Report and 2010 Economic Development Plan. The filing includes Xcel's report on 2009 economic development activities planned budget and actual budget for 2009; and a planned budget for 2010. On April 14, 2010, Xcel filed a revised 2010 Economic Development Budget.

The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A.

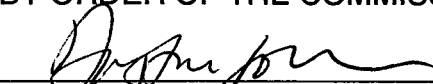
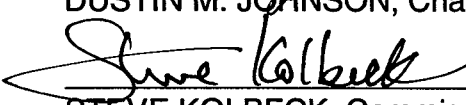
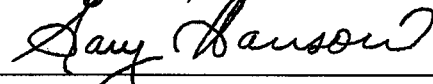
At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 4, 2010, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of Xcel's 2009 Economic Development Report and the 2010 Economic Development Budget. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Xcel's 2009 Economic Development Report and the 2010 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2009 Economic Development Report and 2010 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May, 2010.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
<p>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, electronically.</p>	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman
 _____ STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner
 _____ GARY HANSON, Commissioner