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Subject: [EXT] Request: Require Xcel Energy to File Transportation Electrification Plan in South Dakota

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners and Staff,

My name is Justin James, a residential electric customer of Xcel Energy (Northern States Power) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (ZIP 57104). I am writing to request that the Commission encourage or require Xcel Energy to file a Transportation Electrification Plan (TEP) in South Dakota.

Xcel Energy currently offers the following programs to residential customers in Minnesota, Colorado, and New Mexico — but not South Dakota:

- EV Accelerate at Home: A utility-managed Level 2 home charger program
- Home wiring and installation rebates for Level 2 EV charging
- Off-peak time-of-use EV charging rates

These programs exist because those states' utility commissions approved Transportation Electrification Plans that authorized Xcel to invest in and recover costs for residential EV programs. South Dakota has no equivalent plan, leaving SD ratepayers at a disadvantage despite being served by the same company.

I respectfully ask the Commission to:

1. Formally inquire with Xcel Energy about its intentions to file a TEP in South Dakota
2. Open a docket or stakeholder process to explore transportation electrification benefits for SD ratepayers
3. Consider requiring or incentivizing Xcel to offer comparable programs to SD customers

Managed overnight EV charging also provides direct grid benefits — reducing peak demand and enabling more efficient use of generation assets — which benefits all South Dakota ratepayers.

Thank you for your time and public service.

Respectfully,

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