

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER GRANTING RELEASE
GREAT RIVER ENERGY AND NORTHERN) OF BOND
STATES POWER COMPANY DBA XCEL)
ENERGY FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A)
10.6 MILE, 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE) EL10-016
(CAPX200) IN BROOKINGS COUNTY NEAR)
WHITE, SOUTH DAKOTA)

On November 23, 2010, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Great River Energy and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Applicant) for a Permit to Construct a 10.6 Mile, 345 KV Transmission Line (CapX2020) in Brookings County near White, South Dakota. On June 8, 2011, Applicant and Commission Staff filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. On June 17, 2011, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Granting Permit to Construct Facilities (Order). In accordance with the Order and SDCL 49-41B-38, Applicant obtained Bond No. 190056035 in the amount of \$500,000 "in favor of and for the benefit of, such townships, counties, or other governmental entities whose property is crossed by the transmission facility." On December 17, 2025, Applicant filed a Letter regarding Bond Release Request. All affected governmental entities have signed off on the release.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-38.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 13, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Applicant's bond release request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant's bond release request is hereby granted, and the Executive Director or commission counsel is authorized to execute any documents necessary to release Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Bond No. 190056035.

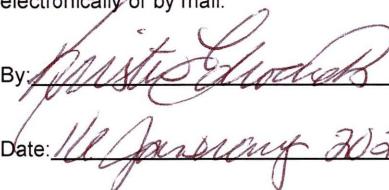
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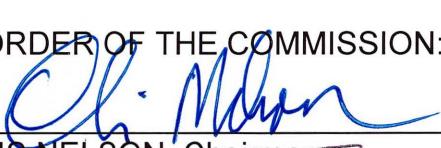
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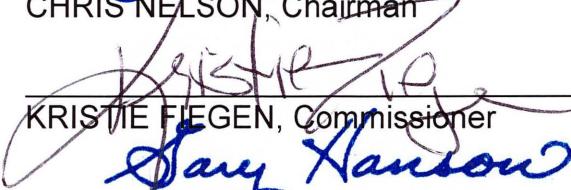
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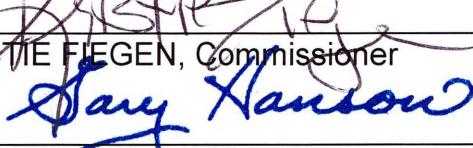
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner