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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re: EL12-028 Data Requests 1 and 2

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Following are Xcel Energy's responses to the three questions posed in two data requests in this matter.

In addition, the Company wishes to have a conversation at the public meeting when this matter is heard with the Commissioners about the benefits of economic development and our economic development efforts going forward.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Wilcox'.

Jim Wilcox