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February 13, 2015

Mr. Brian Rounds  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: EL13-020 - In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail  
Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Brookings  
County 345 kV Transmission Line**

Dear Mr. Rounds:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a minor change in alignment on the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345 kV Transmission Line. The alignment change was made at the request of a landowner and both affected landowners approve of the change.

The change is shown on the attached map and consists of moving two structures (Structures 179 and 180) approximately 20 feet closer to the road to minimize impacts to the agricultural field owned by Doyle Thompson Trust.

We believe this is not a material change to the approved alignment and that no action is required. Please let me know if you need any other information.

As a brief schedule update, we are working on finalizing engineering, performing soil borings and preparing for construction start in October 2015.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Hillstrom  
Permitting Manager  
Xcel Energy  
(612) 330-5835

Enclosure – Route Adjustment Map