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

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**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 is necessary to avoid an underground electric utility. The change has been discussed with the landowner and the landowner has approved the adjustment.

The change is shown on the attached map and consists of moving two structures (Structures 323 and 324) approximately 15 feet to the west.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Hillstrom'.

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

Enclosure – Route Adjustment Map