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RE: Dow Rummel Village  
1110 North Lake Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD  
TSP Project No. 04151408

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

On behalf of Dow Rummel Village, we are requesting a variance to the Administrative Rule of South Dakota 20:10:26:03 (1) per 20:10:26:05.

Dow Rummel is considering a renovation to their Village North (R-2 Apartment) Complex including the addition of a generator to back up these two Complexes. The Village North addresses are 1110 North Lake Avenue (originally built in 1994) and 1100 Lake Avenue (originally built in 1992) in Sioux Falls. We are currently preparing design and budget cost information for the proposed remodeling work. The building is currently a Multi-Occupant Residential building.

The apartments are currently individually electrically metered but the residents do not pay the electric bill from Xcel Energy. The residents pay a standard monthly fee to Dow Rummel, and are not charged the actual electric bill. The Owner, Dow Rummel, pays the electric bills (a total of 54 individual apartment meters). We would like to eliminate the individual apartment meters, and go to a master meter, one for each of the two Complexes. This then would allow for each Complex to be backed up by a stand-by generator source. Xcel Energy has been contacted about this modification and they are copied on this letter. For reference, both Complexes are master metered for natural gas.

The current individual metering is significantly costing the Owner unnecessary large monthly charges and administrative burdens. Also, if the individual meters are not allowed to be removed, it would be financially improbable the units could be backed-up by an alternative energy source of a generator.

A hearing is not required. Please contact me with any questions or comments you have regarding this, or if any additional information is needed.

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