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CONFIDENTIAL DATA HAS BEEN EXCISED  
ATTACHMENT A IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ENTIRETY.**

Please note Attachment A provided with this filing is CONFIDENTIAL in its entirety. In accordance with ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39 through 42, Xcel Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in this filing.

In compliance with ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we have clearly marked each page containing confidential information as “CONFIDENTIAL” and submitted it as a separate document along with this filing.

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we provide the following information in support of our request:

- (1) We request confidential treatment of the entire cultural resources report.
- (2) We request these documents be treated as confidential forever.
- (3) If you have questions regarding this request, please contact:  
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- (4) We request confidential treatment on the grounds that the material comprises confidential information regarding cultural resources protected by South Dakota law. The claim for confidential treatment is based on ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39 (5) and (6) and SDCL § 1-20-21.2, among other potentially applicable laws. The information contained within the referenced documents includes information pertaining to the location of archaeological sites and is protected by SDCL § 1-20-21.2.
- (5) The noted documents qualify for confidential treatment because they contain confidential cultural resource information which the Company does not disclose to the public.