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CONFIDENTIAL DATA HAS BEEN EXCISED
ATTACHMENT A IS CONFIDENTIAL IN 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 Attachment I.
- (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 contractual terms protected by South Dakota law. The claim for confidential treatment is based on ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL § 1-27-30, among other potentially applicable laws. The information contained within the referenced documents includes proprietary commercial information, in the form of confidential contractual terms, that meets the definition of “trade secret” under SDCL § 37-29-1(4)(1), the South Dakota Uniform Trade Secrets Act, which is defined as information that “Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and... is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.”

- (5) The noted documents qualify for confidential treatment because they contain confidential contract terms which the Company does not disclose to the public.