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Leah Mohr
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RE: EL25-031 - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Its 2026 Transmission Cost Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment

Ms. Mohr,

Upon looking into the Minnesota Energy Connection (Sherco to Lyons County) project further, conducting additional data requests, having internal discussions, and having further discussions with Xcel Energy, Staff and Xcel Energy agree that Xcel Energy will seek recovery for this project in a different docket at a future time. Xcel has requested to reserve their right to seek recovery dating back to 2026 even though Staff and Xcel both acknowledge there is no guarantee that that recovery back to 2026 will be approved or that Staff will recommend approval back to 2026 at the time of the next docket.

As such, the memo that Staff filed on May 27, 2026, is inapplicable at this time. Staff asks that you withdraw the memo and close the docket.

Thank you,

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Staff Attorney
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission