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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 3-2  
Docket No.: EL25-031  
Response To: Sioux Valley Energy, East River Electric, Basin Electric  
Requestor: Mike Nadolski, Daniel Brown, Meredith Moore  
Date Received: December 19, 2025

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Question:

Xcel's SD Electric Rate Book – SDPUC No. 2, Section 6 General Rules and Regulations, Sheet No. 23, 5.1.A.1.b, Service at Secondary and Primary Voltage Excess Footage, Non-Residential, states that the company will extend service at primary voltage at a cost that does not exceed a sum equal to three and one half (3.5) times the customer's anticipated annual revenues (excluding fuel recovery). Provide the calculation showing what Knife River will not be charged for excess footage, including the estimated cost of the extension to serve the Plant and the estimated annual revenue derived from Xcel's rate E20 Peak Controlled Service associated with the Plant.

Response:

Xcel Energy developed a budgetary estimate for extending facilities to the requested location of the primary service (34.5kv) to accommodate an estimated load of **[PROTECTED DATA BEGINS PROTECTED DATA ENDS]** when the facility is fully operational. Xcel Energy estimates that cost to be **[PROTECTED DATA BEGINS PROTECTED DATA ENDS]**. Xcel Energy used Knife River's existing plant, located within our service territory in Sioux Falls, to estimate what the annual revenue would be at the new facility. This annual revenue estimate multiplied by 3.5 minus fuel clause costs is far greater than what our facility extension costs.

Request for Confidential Treatment of Information:

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, the Company respectfully requests confidential treatment of the approximate dollar amount required to extend service, and provides the following information in support of our request:

- (1) *An identification of the document and the general subject matter of the materials or the portions of the document for which confidentiality is being requested:*

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The redacted approximate megawatt and dollar amount in Sioux Valley Energy DR No. 3-2 is confidential commercial information regarding the Company's proprietary financial information. The Company treats this information as highly confidential information, and as financial information, not released to the public.

*(2) The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested and a request for handling at the end of that time. This does not preclude a later request to extend the period of confidential treatment:*

The Company requests that the redacted information in Sioux Valley Energy DR No. 3-2 be treated as confidential forever.

*(3) The name, address, and phone number of a person to be contacted regarding confidentiality request:*

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*(4) The statutory or common law grounds and any administrative rules under which confidentiality is requested. Failure to include all possible grounds for confidential treatment does not preclude the party from raising additional grounds in the future:*

The material is confidential, trade secret, and/or proprietary business information, the disclosure of which would result in material damage to Xcel Energy's financial position. See ARSD § 20:10:01:39(4) and (5), SDCL §§ 1-27-28, 1-27-30, and 15-6-26(c)(7). The information contained within SDPUC DR 1-4 meets the definition of "trade secret" under and SDCL § 1-27-28 and 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." The information also meets the definition of "proprietary information" under SDCL § 1-27-28, which is defined as "information on pricing, costs, revenue, taxes, market share, customers,

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and personnel held by private entities and used for that private entity's business purposes."

*(5) The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality under the authority cited:*

The redacted portion of Sioux Valley Energy DR No. 3-2 contains information about the approximate cost for the Company to build the new infrastructure and the rebuilding of some existing distribution assets for the new location. Such information is considered confidential commercial information, which the Company does not disclose to the public, as it includes internal financial information. Disclosure of such information could harm the Company's ability to obtain service at the lowest available cost because knowledge of the Company's costs could affect future commercial contract negotiations.

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