STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition by Sweetman Const. Co. D/B/A Knife River, to have XCEL Energy Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service Area of Sioux Valley Electric	DOCKET NO. EL25-032

KNIFE RIVER'S First Set of Responses to Joint Data Requests of Sioux Valley Electric, East River Electric and Basin Electric

1. Please provide a copy of all data requests Sweetman Constr. Co. d/b/a Knife River ("Knife River") received from any party, including PUC Staff, and Knife River's response to the data requests. This should be considered a continuing request.

Answer: The only data request received by Knife River other than this one was from the PUC Staff. Those responses and documents have been filed publicly in the docket.

2. Identify all facts that establish Knife River is a new customer as contemplated by SDCL §49-34A-56. Produce all documents supporting the same.

Answer: The new facility is being built on a new location with no existing facilities. It is to produce a new product separate from the products currently being produced by Knife River at its existing plant.

3. Identify all facts that establish the location for Knife River's Rock Crushing Plant represent a new location as contemplated by SDCL §49-34A-56. Produce any documents supporting the same.

Answer: As shown by the map produced herewith as well as previously including in response to the data requests of PUC staff, the construction of the new rock crushing plant is clearly in a new location from the existing plant and infrastructure of Knife River. See, Exhibit 1.

4. Please identify Knife River's contracted minimum demand that Xcel Energy will serve. Please provide a copy of any document that legally binds Knife River to meet that minimum demand and explain how the documents meet the minimum demand requirement in SDCL §49-34A-56.

Answer: 11 megawatts. See the attached spreadsheet with the electrical load list, marked as Exhibit 2. There is no document at this point known by Knife River that legally binds it to meet that minimum demand.

5. Identify Knife River's demand and energy requirements in detail.

Answer: See answer to request No. 4.

6. Produce a copy of the electric service agreement between Knife River and Xcel Energy.

Answer: There is no such document.

7. Identify any permits Knife River is required to obtain from Minnehaha County or other governmental entity for its proposed Rock Crushing Plant near the City of Corson, South Dakota, as more specifically described in its Petition for Electric Service.

Answer: Objection, not relevant to the request of Knife River to the Commission. Without waiving said objection, the plant has obtained a conditional use permit and building permit.

8. If any permit identified in response to Request No. 5 has been approved, please produce a copy of any permit.

Answer: See objection to request No. 4. Without waiving said objection, see the attached marked as Exhibits 3 and 4.

9. Who will serve Knife River's electric needs upon termination of the electric service agreement with Xcel Energy?

Answer: See answer to request No. 6.

10. Identify in detail the substance and extent of any communications or negotiations between Sioux Valley Information and Knife River regarding the provision of electric service by Sioux Valley Energy to the proposed Rock Crushing Plant near the City of Corson, South Dakota, as more specifically described in Knife River's Petition for Electric Service.

Answer: There were numerous phone calls, emails and discussions held between individuals with Sioux Valley and Knife River. All know to Sioux Valley. The substance of the proposal to serve the electic needs of the new rock crushing facility is encapsulated on the email exchanges attached and marked collectively as Exhibit 5.

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