

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
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)**

EL25-032

RESPONSE

COMES NOW Sweetman Const. Co. d/b/a Knife River ("Knife River"), by and through its counsel of record, William M. Van Camp, and responds to the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission's First Data Request:

1-1. Per 49-34A-56 (1) provide the service requirements of the load to be served. Note stating Xcel Energy can meet the electrical service requirement does not provide the service requirements.

Response: 11 Megawatts is the anticipated load for the plant.

1-2. Per 49-34A-56(2) once you adequately answer 49-34A-56(1). Provide details about the availability of adequate power supply. For example, where is the power supply, what are the technical specifications of the power supply.

Response: This is best answered by Xcel Energy ("Xcel"). Upon information and belief, Knife River believes that Xcel providing service to it meets this statutory requirement. See also, generally, the petition to intervene in this docket filed by Xcel on October 3, 2025 ("Xcel Intervention").

1-3. Per 49-34A-56 (3) provide a detailed answer as to the development or improvement of the electric system of the utility seeking to provide the electric service, including economic factors relating thereto. Note (3) in the petition, making a statement that "Serving the Facility will assist in the development and improvement of the Xcel Energy electric system, including economic factors relating thereto" does not provide the Commission or Staff with any information that will assist them in analyzing this petition.

Response: See response to 1-2.

1-4. Refer to Page 2 of the Petition sub part (4). Provide a map detailing where the new plant will be and the proximity of adequate facilities from which electric service of the type required may be delivered.

Response: See the attached Map marked as Exhibit A as well as the map attached as Attachment A in Xcel intervention.

1-5. Refer to page 2 of the Petition sub part (6). Provide a list of the pertinent factors referenced in your petition and how they support the ability of Xcel Energy to provide such service.

Response: See response to 1-2. It is the strong preference of Knife River to be served by Xcel. §SDCL 49-34A-56(5).

Dated this 7 day of October, 2025.

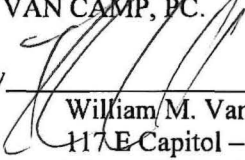
Knife River


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AS TO OBJECTIONS.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2025.

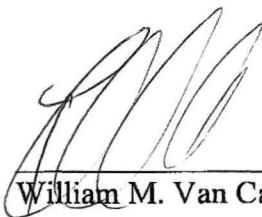
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

William M. Van Camp, of Olinger, Lovald McCahren & Van Camp, P.C., hereby certifies that on the 7th day of October, 2025, he filed and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response in the above-captioned action via the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's electronic filing system on the following:

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