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RE: EL25-032, In re Petition of Sweetman Const. Co. dba Knife River

Ms. Mohr,

This letter is to inform the Commission and interested persons of the discussions of the Prehearing Conference held on April 7, 2026. As hearing examiner, I conducted the Prehearing Conference in accordance with the Procedural Schedule agreed upon by the Parties and ordered by the Commission. All Parties were in attendance.

The Parties agreed that the order of presentation of witnesses at the evidentiary hearing will be: Knife River, Xcel, Sioux Valley, East River, Basin, Staff.

The Parties stipulated to the admission of all exhibits except TS-6, TS-7, TS-8, MH-3¹, MH-8, MH-9, MH-10, SS-4, SS-4 (Confidential), BEPC1, BEPC2, and the Prefiled Testimony of Benjamin Hertz. The Parties agreed that remaining prefiled exhibits may be admitted. Therefore, the exhibits listed in Attachment A, attached hereto, are part of the evidentiary record and may be referred to in questioning of witnesses.

Finally, at the Prehearing Conference, commission counsel clarified that the Petitioner will have the burden of proof as to all elements of SDCL 49-34A-56.

If any party has a correction to the stipulations as I have detailed them in this letter, they may note their correction on the record at the evidentiary hearing.

Sincerely,

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¹ There was not an objection to Exhibit MH-3, however, East River noted that they may choose not to offer it.