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—Via Electronic Filing—

Ms. Leah Mohr, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: PETITION TO INTERVENE
KNIFE RIVER, TO HAVE XCEL ENERGY ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC PROVIDER
IN THE SERVICE AREA OF SIOUX VALLEY ELECTRIC
DOCKET NO. EL25-032

Dear Ms. Mohr:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, submits the enclosed PETITION TO INTERVENE in the above referenced matter.

In accordance with ARSD § 20:10:01:39 through 42, Xcel Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in this filing. In compliance with ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we have clearly identified and redacted each piece of confidential information and submitted a separate unredacted copy in a sealed envelope along with this filing.

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, we provide the following information in support of our request:

- (1) We request the identified portions of Xcel Energy's Petition to Intervene be treated as confidential.
- (2) We request the redacted information be treated as confidential forever.
- (3) If you have questions regarding this request, please contact:

Xcel Energy
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- (4) We request confidential treatment on the grounds that Knife River considers the redacted information to be trade secret information, the disclosure of which would result in material damage to the Company's financial or competitive position. The claim for confidential treatment is based on ARSD § 20:10:01:39(4) and (5), and SDCL § 1-27-30. The information contained within the referenced documents meets the definition of "trade secret" under 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."
- (5) The noted information qualifies for confidential treatment because it is trade secret information regarding Knife River's expected load at the new location for which it seeks to have Xcel Energy assigned as its electric provider.

Please add the following people to the service list for this docket:

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Sincerely,

/s/

STEVE KOLBECK
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ENCLOSURES
cc: Service List