

**Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy  
Information Request**

Docket No.: EL25-032  
South Dakota Knife River  
Requestor: Xcel Energy  
Requested From: Sioux Valley Energy  
Analyst: Steve Kolbeck  
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Response Due: March 24, 2026

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Question:

Please identify the rates, charges, terms of service, and other requirements that Sioux Valley would require of Knife River to serve its Rock Crushing Plant. Please provide any relevant tariff pages, schedules or other documents should they exist. If they do not exist, please explain how Sioux Valley will undertake the creation of such documents and what approvals will be required. Also identify whether any of the rates, terms of service, charges or the creation of such rates and charges subject to the jurisdiction of the PUC.

Response:

Sioux Valley Energy does not have a current rate for Knife River, although Sioux Valley Energy did provide Knife River with an estimated rate which was a product of information provided by Knife River and conversations among the necessary parties. Such estimate is included in Exhibit SS-2 and discussed in comparison to the rate provided by Xcel Energy in the Pre-Filed Intervenor Testimony of Scott Shewey. A cooperative member that is comparable in size to that of Knife River has its own confidential rate and terms of service which are part of an Electric Service Agreement. The corresponding rate and associated fees for a member of comparable size are created based upon the actual costs to ensure two very important objectives of our cooperative model. The first objective is to ensure that a large load is not subsidizing our traditional membership. The second and equally important objective is to ensure that a large load is not being subsidized by our traditional membership. Such a rate would be approved by the democratically-elected Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors and is not subject to further approval by the PUC.

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