

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR  
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

MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*  
OF VANESSA J. SZALAPSKI

Zeviel T. Simpser, counsel for Xcel Energy in the above-captioned matter, hereby moves the court for an Order granting Vanessa J. Szalapski permission to appear *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter, now pending before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as Docket EL25-032. Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 16-18-2, grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. Vanessa J. Szalapski, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, is outside counsel to Xcel Energy and provides legal services and counsel to Xcel Energy, an intervenor in the above-captioned proceeding. Dorsey & Whitney's address is 50 South Sixth Street, Suite 1500, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

2. I am a Partner with Dorsey & Whitney LLP and an attorney admitted and licensed to practice law and in good standing in the State of South Dakota. Dorsey & Whitney's address is 50 South Sixth Street, Suite 1500, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. I will personally participate with Vanessa J. Szalapski in the representation of Xcel Energy in the above-captioned matter.

3. I find Vanessa J. Szalapski to be a reputable attorney and recommend her admission to practice before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission *pro hac vice*. Ms. Szalapski is a member of good standing with the Bar of Minnesota and has not been subject to disciplinary action by the Minnesota Bar or Minnesota Court and has not been denied admission to any state or federal courts.

4. Dorsey & Whitney has a South Dakota Sales and Use Tax License.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request the court to issue an Order granting the admission, *pro hac vice*, of Ms. Szalapski to practice in this case before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Dated: March 17, 2026

DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

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