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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 1-4  
 Docket No.: EL25-032  
 Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
 Requestor: Jennie Fuerst  
 Date Received: October 30, 2025

Question:

Refer to Attachment A to Xcel’s intervention. Explain why Xcel Energy needs to extend facilities from the I-90 corridor? What type of service is being extended and what is the approximate cost Xcel anticipates to extend service to the new customer? What existing facilities exist in the black cloud shaded area marked ‘Existing Xcel Energy Facilities’? Who will be paying such extension costs.

Response:

Xcel Energy would need to extend facilities from our Lawrence Substation (South of I-90 corridor) to the new plant site by Corson. This would be a distribution circuit operating at 34.5 kV. We plan to use an existing distribution circuit corridor, which would include new infrastructure and the rebuilding of some existing distribution assets.

The approximate cost of extending service to the new customer is **[PROTECTED DATA BEGINS PROTECTED DATA ENDS]** which is revenue justified using existing rate tariffs.

Request for Confidential Treatment of Information:

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41, the Company respectfully requests confidential treatment of the approximate dollar amount required to extend service, and provides the following information in support of our request:

- (1) An identification of the document and the general subject matter of the materials or the portions of the document for which confidentiality is being requested:*

The redacted approximate dollar amount in SDPUC DR 1-4 is confidential commercial information regarding the Company’s proprietary financial information. The Company treats this information as highly confidential information, and as financial information, not released to the public.

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*(2) The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested and a request for handling at the end of that time. This does not preclude a later request to extend the period of confidential treatment:*

The Company requests that the redacted information in SDPUC DR 1-4 be treated as confidential forever.

*(3) The name, address, and phone number of a person to be contacted regarding confidentiality request:*

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*(4) The statutory or common law grounds and any administrative rules under which confidentiality is requested. Failure to include all possible grounds for confidential treatment does not preclude the party from raising additional grounds in the future:*

The material is confidential, trade secret, and/or proprietary business information, the disclosure of which would result in material damage to Xcel Energy's financial position. See ARSD § 20:10:01:39(4) and (5), SDCL §§ 1-27-28, 1-27-30, and 15-6-26(c)(7). The information contained within SDPUC DR 1-4 meets the definition of "trade secret" under and SDCL § 1-27-28 and 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." The information also meets the definition of "proprietary information" under SDCL § 1-27-28, which is defined as "information on pricing, costs, revenue, taxes, market share, customers, and personnel held by private entities and used for that private entity's business purposes."

*(5) The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality under the authority cited:*

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The redacted portion of SDPUC DR 1-4 contains information about the approximate cost for the Company to build the new infrastructure and the rebuilding of some existing distribution assets for the new location. Such information is considered confidential commercial information, which the Company does not disclose to the public, as it includes internal financial information. Disclosure of such information could harm the Company's ability to obtain service at the lowest available cost because knowledge of the Company's costs could affect future commercial contract negotiations.

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