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

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

RE: Filing of Pre-Filed Exhibits of Mark Hoffman and Scott Shewey on Behalf of East River.

EL25-032 – In the Matter of the Petition of Sweetman Const. Co. dba Knife River, to have Xcel Energy Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service Area of Sioux Valley Electric

Dear Ms. Leah Mohr:

East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (East River) submits the following Exhibits for filing in the above matter:

Mark Hoffman Pre-Filed Testimony:

1. Mark Hoffman Resume Exhibit MH-1
2. Exhibit MH-2
3. Exhibit MH-3
4. Exhibit MH-4
5. Exhibit MH-5
6. Exhibit MH-6
7. Exhibit MH-7

Scott Shewey Pre-Filed Testimony:

1. Scott Shewey Resume Exhibit SS-1
2. Exhibit SS-2 Public Document Redacted  
Exhibit SS-2 Confidential

*This cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

In accordance with ARSD § 20:10:01:41.01 through 42, East River respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in Exhibit SS-2. East River has identified and redacted each piece of confidential information in the attached Exhibit SS-2 Public Document Redacted.

Pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:01:41.01, East River provides the following information in support of this request:

1. East River requests that the identified portions of Exhibit SS-2 be Confidential.
2. East River requests that the redacted information be treated as confidential forever.
3. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact:

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4. East River requests confidential treatment on the grounds that East River considers the redacted information to be trade secret information, the disclosure of which would result in material damage to the Cooperative'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 identified information qualifies for confidential treatment because it is trade secret information regarding East River's and Sioux Valley Energy's cost/CIAC estimates, rate estimates, and rate philosophy presented to Knife Fork for their plant expansion located at 25944 482nd Ave, Brandon, South Dakota, subject to the above entitled-matter.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" written in a large, stylized loop and the last name "Brown" written in a more standard cursive script.

Daniel J. Brown  
General Counsel

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