

September 5, 2025

Mr. Mike Bull, Acting Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Environmental Assessment Siting and Routing Alternatives
Lyon County Generating Station Project

Dear Ms. Bergman,

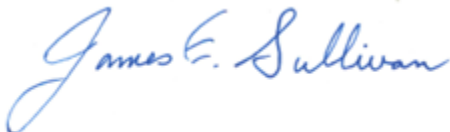
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff have completed the environmental assessment (EA) scoping process in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit,
Transmission Line Route Permit, and Pipeline Route Permit for the Lyon County
Generating Station in Lyon County, Minnesota

The EA scoping period was open from August 1, 2025, through August 27, 2025. Public meetings for the project were held on August 11 and 12, 2025. Oral and written comments were received from the public during the scoping period. None of these comments suggested an alternative site for the Lyon County Generating Station Project or an alternative route for the associated 345 kV transmission line. Accordingly, EIP staff recommends that the Commission authorize EIP to include solely the site and route for the project identified by Xcel Energy in its combined application in the EA scoping decision.

EIP staff are available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



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Energy Infrastructure Permitting Section