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Thank you, Tyler,

This information is very helpful and will support the upcoming scoping decision. I've included the DNR in my response as this revision will address, in part, their groundwater concerns they expressed in their comment letter. We anticipate having a draft version of the completed EA in mid-December, perhaps earlier. Will Xcel be able to provide the Commission with a more complete project revision that includes the air-cooled modification within the next month or so? I'd like to have our consultant include this change in the EA before we head to the final.

Very best,

Jim

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Jim,

Following up from our recent discussion regarding the Lyon County Generating Station project and associated PUC permitting. Since the project application was submitted in May of this year, there has been a minor design change that should be considered by PUC staff during their application review. After evaluation of water treatment and wastewater disposal options, the project has decided to remove the evaporative cooling system from the project scope. This optional system would have cooled the inlet air to the combustion system to improve power output from the combustion turbines during the summer months. The evaporative cooling system was the project's only source for process wastewater, therefore the removal of this system eliminates the need for any waste water treatment and disposal at the site.

If you have any additional questions or require a different kind of notification for this project change to satisfy PUC procedures, please let me know.

Thanks,