

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**Office of Energy Projects**  
**Division of Dam Safety and Inspections**  
**Chicago Regional Office**

In reply refer to: P-2056

August 20, 2025

VIA Electronic Mail

Mr. Donald Hartinger  
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Re: St. Anthony Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2056)  
Hennepin Island Earth Dam Secant Pile Wall  
- August 12, 2025 Construction Submittals

Dear Mr. Hartinger:

Xcel Energy's August 12, 2025, letter provided several documents concerning the construction of the secant pile wall in the Hennepin Island Earth Dam at the St. Anthony Fall Hydroelectric Project No. 2056. The construction submittals were prepared by the contractor, Michels Construction, Inc., in response Comments #2 and #3 of our April 4, 2025, letter regarding the original (July 2024) Design Report. The construction documents, which were approved by Xcel Energy's QCIP Manager and Barr Engineering's Project Manager, included:

- Contractor Qualifications
- Cutoff Wall Work Plan including drill rig specifications
- Quality Control Plan including testing lab certifications
- Concrete Mix Design
- Construction Schedule

Our review of these submittals did not identify any concerns or discrepancies, and we conclude that they adequately address Comments #2 and #3 of our April 4, 2025, letter. Construction activities may continue as the work was authorized by the FERC letter dated June 23, 2025.

You may contact Mr. Paul Kokoszka at 312.596.4457 ([Paul.Kokoszka@ferc.gov](mailto:Paul.Kokoszka@ferc.gov)) or me at (312) 596-4430 or if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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