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March 7, 2024

VIA Electronic Mail

Mr. Donald Hartinger
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Re: Response to Owner’s Dam Safety Program (ODSP) Comments

Dear Mr. Hartinger:

Xcel Energy’s (Xcel’s) December 22, 2023, letter transmitted additional information and an updated Owner’s Dam Safety Program (ODSP) [Revision 4.0] for Xcel’s Hydroelectric Projects, FERC Nos. 2056, 9002, 2390, 2697, 2440, 8286, 2639, 2670, 2417, 1982, 2491, 2430, 2181, 9003, 2610, 2587, 2475, 2711, and 2444. The additional information was provided in response to outstanding comments¹ contained in our April 3, and June 3, 2022, ODSP review letters.

The updated ODSP includes a revised Organizational Chart, improved description of your Dam Safety Program Components (Section 4.1.1) and Xcel’s Chief Dam Safety Engineer’s (CDSE’s), Mr. Dean Steines, P.E., concurrence with the findings and recommendations contained in the December 29, 2022, External Audit of the ODSP. We have reviewed the updated ODSP and additionally provided information and find it satisfactory; the updated ODSP (Rev. 4.0) meets the requirements of 18 CFR Subpart F-Owner’s Dam Safety Program² and our ODSP initiative³ and is accepted.

¹ Outlined in the FERC’s October 3, 2023, letter providing review comments regarding the External ODSP.

² eCFR :: 18 CFR Part 12 -- Safety of Water Power Projects and Project Works

³ [Owners Dam Safety Program \(ODSP\) | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission \(ferc.gov\)](https://www.ferc.gov)

You may contact Mr. Bartlomiej Wdowka at 312.596.4439 or me at 312.596.4430 with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

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