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Dear Mr. Conant:

Mr. Brunetti forwarded your recent letter to me concerning Xcel Energy's request for a Conditional Use Permit application for the Southeast Metro transmission line project. In your letter you challenge the veracity and accuracy of certain statements made by Xcel personnel in several Planning Commission and City Council meetings. I have reviewed your critique and have discussed your assertions with the Xcel Energy employees familiar with this project and the subject matters you raise. Based on this review, I disagree with your claims.

I am aware that you oppose the transmission line project. As such, I appreciate that you will disagree with the statements and positions of Xcel Energy, its employees and counsel. The extrapolations you provide to Mr. Brunetti either represent your particular opinion or fail to accurately reflect the complete information. In any event, I am confident that the written and oral information we provided in these proceedings was always intended to be accurate and complete. In all complex matters, there is a risk that information will be misunderstood or there will be an unintentional miscommunication of a particular fact. To the extent we learned of those events in these proceedings, we sought to correct the information.

I agree with your sentiment that it is essential that the record be factually accurate. I can assure you that Xcel Energy and its employees will continue to strive to be as accurate and precise as possible in all of our communications and will not hesitate to acknowledge a legitimate error when it is brought to our attention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Audrey Zibelman'.

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