

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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In reply refer to: P-2056

August 16, 2022

Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Scott Crotty  
Senior Operations Manager  
Xcel Energy  
Scott.a.Crotty@xcelenergy.com

Re: Xcel Energy Owner's Dam Safety Program, Proposed Auditor Accepted

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Xcel's July 22, 2022 letter and attached resume proposed Mr. Pedro J. Amaya, P.E. of GEI Consultants as the auditor of the Owner's Dam Safety Program for Xcel Energy. Xcel has projects in the San Francisco Region and Chicago Region as noted in the enclosure.

The auditor should have experience in understanding organizational management, communication and leadership principles (Guidance for ODSP External Audits<sup>1</sup>). The Independent Forensic Team Report of the Investigation of Failures of Edenville and Sanford Dams gives additional information on these topics in Section 7 (Contributions of Human Factors to the Edenville Dam Failure) and Appendix G (Forensic Team Analysis – Human Factors).

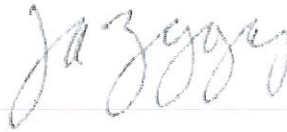
Mr. Amaya is acceptable to conduct the ODSP audit. Please see that the areas mentioned above are adequately addressed. Mr. Amaya may need additional assistance given the extensive breadth of the 25 projects located in Colorado, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.ferc.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/guidance-odsp\\_0.pdf](https://www.ferc.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/guidance-odsp_0.pdf)

Please contact Mr. David Meyer, P.E. at (312) 596-4440 or at David.Meyer@ferc.gov or me at (312) 596-4430 if there are any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Zygaj".

John A. Zygaj, P.E.  
Regional Engineer

cc: Mr. Dean Steines, PE. Principal Reliability Engineer at Xcel Energy  
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## Enclosure

### Projects covered by ODSP

P-400	Ames Project – Trout Lake, Lake Hope and Howard’s Fork Diversion Developments
P-1982	Holcombe Project
P-2056	St. Anthony Falls Project – Hennepin Island & Lower Dam Developments
P-2181	Menomonie Project
P-2187	Georgetown Project – Clear Lake & Georgetown Forebay Developments
P-2275	Salida Project – Salida No. 1 & Salida No. 2 Developments
P-2351	Cabin Creek Project – Cabin Creek Upper & Cabin Creek Lower Developments
P-2390	Big Falls Project – Big Falls & Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Developments
P-2417	Hayward Project
P-2430	Ladysmith Project
P-2440	Chippewa Falls Project
P-2444	White River Project
P-2475	Thornapple Project
P-2491	Jim Falls Project
P-2564	Oriente Project
P-2567	Wissota Project
P-2587	Superior Falls Project
P-2610	Saxon Falls Project
P-2639	Cornell Project

P-2670	Dells Project
P-2697	Cedar Falls Project
P-2711	Trego Project
P-4706	Hatfield Project
P-8286	Chippewa Reservoir Project
P-9002	Apple River Hydro Project
P-9003	Riverdale Hydro Project
P-12589	Tacoma Project – Tacoma Developments
P-15055	Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project