

Response to Information Request SD-OTP-16
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OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
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On page 14 of your testimony (lines 24-33) you discuss a benchmarking activity that you have performed. You profess to compare actual recorded results for 2003, 2004, and 2005 with IRP-Manager results. In making this comparison, did you include consideration of actual 2003, 2004, and 2005 hourly loads? Did you include consideration of actual 2003, 2004, and 2005 forced outages of power plants in the comparison? Did you include actual 2003, 2004, and 2005 daily spot market power prices in the comparison? Did you include actual 2003, 2004, and 2005 hourly wind output for these years? Did you consider the operation of OTP generation for emergencies declared by MAPP and/or other utilities in the comparison? Did you consider wholesale sales to other utilities in your comparison? Did you consider the impact of actual transmission outages on generating units during 2003, 2004, and 2005?

RESPONSE:

As described in Mr. Evans' testimony, he compared actual generation and fuel cost to the predicted generation and fuel cost from IRP-Manager for Otter Tail's peaking units in the calendar years 2003, 2004 and 2005.