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Case No.: EL13-017

Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Data Request No. 2-4
Commission

Requestor: Brian Rounds

Date Received: September 19, 2013

Question:

At the proposed funding level, it appears the lighting rebate program will continue to be limited to the first few applicants. To fully meet the program demand in 2014, what level of funding would be needed and what would be the impact on the final rate if the budget were increased to match it?

Response:

To fully meet the Lighting Efficiency program demand in 2014, including both the backlog of applications received in 2013 and applications that could be received throughout 2014, we estimate it would require \$1,260,000 in program funding. That estimate assumes 2014 participation level to be in line with what we experienced in 2012 and 2013, taking into account a ramp up period after we re-open the program January 2014.

This increase to one program's budget would double the total portfolio budget, which in turn would increase the DSM Cost Adjustment Factor from the proposed \$0.000494 per kWh to \$0.000998 per kWh. For the average residential customer using around 600 kWh per month, this increased spend on the business side of the portfolio would increase their total billed DSM amount for the year from \$3.48 to \$7.20. The Company continues to recommend the approval of the program budget as proposed in the initial filing which represents an increase in funding to better meet the program demand, yet continues to provide a sustainable portfolio that balances the needs of all stakeholders.

Witness:

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