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Xcel Energy

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Response To: SDPUC

Data Request No.

Requestor: Darren Kearney

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Date Received: April 8, 2015

Question:

1-1) Were any of the dollars spent on Economic Development activities in 2014 utilized for lobbying expenses for Xcel Energy or any other association that received funding during the year? Further, please confirm that the dollars budgeted for 2015 will not cover lobbying expenses.

Response:

No. I have inquired with all of the economic development organizations we have invested with and none of them utilize any of our economic development monies for lobbying purposes. All of the monies we invest with these economic development organizations are utilized for economic development purposes. Additionally, all dollars that are budgeted for 2015 will not be utilized for any lobbying expenses.

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