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Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities                      Data Request No.                      1-1  
Commission

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Question:

Explain why in EL13-030 pages 1-3 of Attachment 1 were not considered confidential but are now considered to be confidential in current docket, EL15-034.

Response:

It is true, all pages of Attachment 1 in previous Cogeneration filings, including in Docket No. EL13-030, were provided as a public document. However, in my experience in other types of proceedings, forward-looking incremental energy prices, and the forecast cost assumptions and avoided capacity costs of specific types of generation, are held as confidential information and not for public disclosure, with access to such information typically provided only under terms of a non-disclosure agreement. Based on this knowledge, I requested pages 2 and 3 of Attachment 1 to be marked as Confidential, and I believe this should be the practice going forward for our future Cogeneration filings.

I would note page 1 of Attachment 1 does not contain confidential information but does incorrectly have a “Confidential” header at the top of the page. All information on page 1 is shown in its entirety in both the Public and Confidential versions. We apologize for any confusion created.

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