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Response To: SDPUC

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Question:

1-1) Please provide the rationale behind Xcel's decision to fund the GOED Ready Sites Program and reduce the Rural Community Support budget in 2016.

Response:

Xcel Energy looks at this as an additional avenue, for communities within our service territory, to encourage economic development. Through this assistance, communities can afford to produce a certified site that has been tested and is development ready for potential builders. Without these contributions, properties in the communities we serve may never be looked at as potential building locations.

Please note that a September 1, 2016 deadline has been put in place for GOED Ready Sites Program contributions. If the allotted dollars are not utilized by this date then they will be reverted back to the Rural Community Support for the calendar year.

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