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Xcel Energy

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Response To: South Dakota Public
Utilities Commission

Data Request No. 1-8

Requestor: Darren Kearney

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Question:

Please explain why the 2015 total retail sales reported in the tracker table of Attachment B are different than the total retail sales reported in Xcel's Fuel Adjustment Clause Filings.

Response:

The 2015 DSM Rider tracker table in Attachment B reported calendar month sales while the MWh in Fuel Adjustment Clause Filing is based on billing month sales. The use of calendar month sales in DSM cost adjustment factor is consistent with the "Next Recovery Period" as defined in the tariff that is based on January 1 through December 31 calendar year forecasted retail sales.

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