## OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY Docket No: EL16-020

Response to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Analyst: SDPUC Staff Date Received: 10/15/2018 Date Due: 10/29/2018 Date of Response: 10/29/2018 Responding Witness: Jason A. Grenier, Manager Market Planning - (218) 739-8639

## Data Request:

Based on Otter Tail's experience with energy efficiency programs, is it typical for an energy efficiency program to assign a substantial portion of the program's budget for a single customer?

## Attachments: 0

## Response:

Otter Tail offers an energy efficiency program in Minnesota and South Dakota. Based on Otter Tail's experience with energy efficiency programs in these states, it is not typical for an energy efficiency program to assign a substantial portion of the program's budget for a single customer.

However, Otter Tail believes this is an opportune time for the customer to install energy efficient measures and would make a similar request for other customers if their project produced positive net benefits to South Dakota customers. If this customer continues with its plan to install the identified energy efficient measures, it will reduce energy purchases, it will avoid and defer additional capital investment for all South Dakota customers, and it will keep South Dakota's load lower, likely resulting in less cost allocations to the state.