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Xcel Energy

Docket No.: EL16-037

Response To: South Dakota Public
Utilities Commission

Data Request No. 2-1

Requestor: Tina Douglas

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Question:

Pursuant to MSA 216B.1691.2f, NSP must “generate or procure sufficient electricity generated by solar energy to serve its retail electricity customers in Minnesota...”
When calculating the 1.5 percent required by this statute, did NSP look at just Minnesota customers, or did NSP base its calculations off of its entire customer base, including South Dakota?

Response:

The Company calculated the solar generation requirement based on 1.5 percent of Minnesota retail sales, as per Minnesota statute. The retail sales of South Dakota were not included in the determination of the solar generation needs. Generation from the utility scale solar, allocated at approximately 75 percent of NSP system to Minnesota, plus 100 percent of generation from Community Solar Gardens was expected to be sufficient to meet the 1.5 percent Minnesota solar energy standard.

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