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Xcel Energy

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Response To: South Dakota Public  
Utilities Commission

Data Request No. 1-2

Requestor: Joseph Rezac

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Question:

Provide rationale behind Xcel's decision to spend just a portion of the 2016 budgeted GOED Certified Ready Sites on the program and shifting the rest to Rural Community Support.

Response:

The reason that Xcel Energy only spent a portion of the budgeted dollars for the GOED Certified Ready Sites program is because there were no other applicants for the 2016 calendar year.

As mentioned in last year's filing, 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.

Going forward please note that a September 1<sup>st</sup> 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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