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Xcel Energy

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Response To: SD Public Utilities Commission Data Request No. 2-15

Requestor: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

Date Received: November 2, 2018

Question:

How long was each biomass option commercially available to Xcel?

Response:

In general, the Benson and Laurentian biomass generation facilities were in commercial operation under their respective PPAs from their respective commercial operation dates through their final PPA termination payments. Pine Bend was in commercial operation from its commercial operation date through one month after receipt of the North Dakota Public Services Commission's approval. More specifically:

- Benson achieved commercial operation on September 11, 2007 and was operational through June 2018. The termination payment was made on June 29, 2018.
 - Laurentian achieved commercial operation on January 1, 2007 and was operational through early July 2018. The termination payment was made on July 2, 2018.
 - Pine Bend achieve commercial operation on March 31, 1996 and was operational through June 2018.
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