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Xcel Energy Information Request No. 2-1  
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Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Requestor: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
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Question:

Provide explanation as to how Xcel was able to achieve 1,074% of the kW savings goal and 1,064% of the kWh savings goal while only having 1 participant on the Business Peak and Energy Control program and only “minor growth to the program’s controllable load” as noted on page 7 of the filing.

Response:

The Business Peak and Energy Control program is limited to certain eligible customers among the Commercial & Industrial segment. Due to market saturation in South Dakota, the program goal was to obtain one new participant in the program in 2019. The kW and kWh saving goals are based on the forecasted load received from one new participant.

In 2019, the Company was able to attain the goal of signing a new participant who had a larger than expected load commitment (compared to what was predicted) which resulted in achieving 1,074 percent of the kW savings goal and 1,064 percent of the kWh savings goal.

The new participant’s controllable load commitment was substantial but provided minor growth to the Company’s total controllable availability due to lost controllable load from participants who chose to leave the program in 2019.

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