

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

Docket No: EL21-015

Response to: SD Public Utilities Commission

Analyst: SD PUC Staff

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Responding Witness: Jason A. Grenier, Manager Market Planning - (218) 739-8639

Data Request:

Refer to the chart on page 4 of the Status Report.

- a. Why does the “Actual Cumulative” participation equal what was shown in docket EL20-016 if there were 12 participants added this last year? Revise if necessary.
- b. Why did Otter Tail propose a budget of \$14,000 for 649 participants, or roughly \$22 per participant, when actual costs are only \$5,883 for 643 participants, or roughly \$9 per participant?
- c. Does each participant represent an individual customer or an individual month for an individual customer?

Attachments: 0

Response:

- a. In 2020 there were an additional 12 participants added to the air conditioning control program, however, there was also a reduction of 12 participants who joined in previous years.
- b. Expenses for the air conditioning control program are driven almost entirely by administrative expenses, including program management necessary to monitor program expenses and budgets and implementation expenses for installation of radio receivers needed to cycle participating customers’ home air conditioning systems. With actual participation numbers falling short of projected goals, Otter Tail incurred actual expenses considerably lower than budgeted expenses needed to implement the program.
- c. Each participant represents an individual customer. A customer participating over the four summer months of the air conditioning control program, CoolSavings, would be counted as one participant.