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Data Request No. 2-5

Xcel Energy
 Docket No.: EL23-032
 Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
 Requestor: Joseph Rezac
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Question:

Will reduction be used in lieu of dispatching generation to meet demand? (especially to make sure to meet their carbon goals- ie, would they choose not to dispatch coal/natural gas on high demand days and instead utilize load reduction via the savers switch?)

Response:

Within the South Dakota Saver’s Switch terms and conditions, it states, “Interruption will normally be based on meeting peak demands and system economic dispatch requirements of the Company.” (See Section 5, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 66 and Original Sheet No. 67.1)

Thus, the Company would review whether it would be economically feasible for the Saver’s Switch program to be controlled in lieu of dispatching comparable resources. To-date, prices have not supported an economic dispatch of the Saver’s Switch program in lieu of generation.

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