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Response To: SD Public Utilities Commission Data Request No. 1-6

Requestor: Brittany Mehlhaff & Patrick Steffensen

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Question:

Regarding the Prairie Island Casks project: The compliance filing states that two-thirds of the \$5.5 million TN-40HT Design and Licensing project associated with the casks was omitted in the original estimate.

- a) Please further explain why this was omitted in the original estimate.
- b) Is this portion of the project included in the original parent work order 11101498?

Response:

- a) The design and licensing of the TN-40HT cask was tracked separately from the procurement, fabrication, loading and placement of the casks. It was tracked separately because the original scope of the design and licensing of the TN-40HT casks included both storage and transportation licensing. Due to delays in the licensing of the transportation portion, the storage portion was separated out and completed. This allowed the storage portion of the design and licensing project to be combined back with procurement, fabrication, loading and placement project.
 - b) No. The storage-related design and licensing costs were not included in the original parent work order 11101498. They were included in the parent work order 10532457 PI TN-40HT Design and Licensing. We track the design and licensing costs separately, and then apply them to the cask projects as they are placed in service to reflect the total cost of the casks.
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