Docket No. EL12-___

Determination of Base Fuel Cost Test Year Ending December 2012

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No.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
1. FERC 151 Fossil Fuel	\$45,110,406	\$38,537,323	\$43,721,305	\$28,258,842	\$35,283,583	\$37,703,245	\$59,929,940	\$49,469,418	\$32,381,294	\$31,618,275	\$29,246,148	\$35,655,438	\$466,915,217
2. FERC 518 Nuclear	\$10,741,550	\$9,532,671	\$7,780,334	\$6,778,412	\$3,922,509	\$8,998,877	\$11,208,057	\$11,630,399	\$11,598,307	\$8,393,084	\$9,550,563	\$10,116,633	\$110,251,396
3. FERC 555 Purchased Energy	\$41,752,106	\$40,007,408	\$38,906,437	\$47,631,320	\$49,169,423	\$44,306,074	\$44,383,414	\$41,249,223	\$36,633,495	\$41,852,828	\$45,056,103	\$33,477,192	\$504,425,025
4a FERC 555 MISO Day 2 Charges	\$12,635,170	\$12,934,596	\$18,257,815	\$23,401,459	\$21,065,785	\$17,352,507	\$22,767,976	\$21,897,056	\$14,825,965	\$16,752,659	\$14,479,922	\$16,418,488	\$212,789,398
4b FERC 555 MISO ASM Charges	\$119,964	\$4,442,828	(\$1,143,120)	\$1,953,522	\$770,873	(\$704,521)	\$2,519,375	(\$2,154,021)	\$769,417	\$2,516,975	\$1,656,473	\$1,795,071	\$12,542,836
5. Total System Costs	\$110,359,196	\$105,454,825	\$107,522,771	\$108,023,555	\$110,212,174	\$107,656,182	\$140,808,762	\$122,092,075	\$96,208,479	\$101,133,822	\$99,989,209	\$97,462,822	\$1,306,923,872
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6. Fuel Cost of Intersystem Sales	\$17,097,148	\$13,188,195	\$14,210,295	\$17,536,970	\$16,801,539	\$13,538,555	\$13,090,852	\$13,873,929	\$10,853,061	\$10,740,247	\$12,667,019	\$3,793,539	\$157,391,351
7. Net System Costs	\$93,262,048	\$92,266,630	\$93,312,476	\$90,486,584	\$93,410,635	\$94,117,627	\$127,717,910	\$108,218,146	\$85,355,418	\$90,393,574	\$87,322,190	\$93,669,283	\$1,149,532,521
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8. Total System Retail MWh Sales	3,759,514	3,337,002	3,527,225	3,154,529	3,293,923	3,616,304	4,428,075	4,071,088	3,478,805	3,358,247	3,341,610	3,542,747	42,909,069.0
9. South Dakota Retail MWh Sales	178,591	147,104	162,654	142,515	156,238	168,305	221,026	200,480	163,634	153,438	149,186	166,272	2,009,443
10. South Dakota % of System Retail [9]/[8]x100%	4.75%	4.41%	4.61%	4.52%	4.74%	4.65%	4.99%	4.92%	4.70%	4.57%	4.46%	4.69%	4.68%
11. Net System Cost of Fuel Per KWh	\$0.02481	\$0.02765	\$0.02646	\$0.02869	\$0.02836	\$0.02603	\$0.02884	\$0.02658	\$0.02454	\$0.02692	\$0.02613	\$0.02644	\$0.02679
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12. South Dakota Monthly Fuel Costs [11]x[9]x1000	\$4,430,307	\$4,067,426	\$4,303,012	\$4,088,043	\$4,430,597	\$4,380,306	\$6,375,053	\$5,329,159	\$4,014,924	\$4,130,091	\$3,898,529	\$4,396,232	\$53,843,677
13. In Dollars per KWh	\$0.02481	\$0.02765	\$0.02646	\$0.02869	\$0.02836	\$0.02603	\$0.02884	\$0.02658	\$0.02454	\$0.02692	\$0.02613	\$0.02644	\$0.02680
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Pursuant to Commission authorization in the Company's rate case (Docket No. EL-09-009), the Fuel Clause Mechanism is now recovering the entire fuel and purchased energy costs through the monthly Fuel Clause Charge. Unlike the previously used Fuel Cost Adjustment Factor, this Fuel Clause Charge is not the resultant adjustment above or below the Base Cost of Fuel in a given month. As such the effective Base Cost of Fuel is essentially equivalent to \$0.00000 per kWh.