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Xcel Energy

Case No.: EL15-014

Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission      Data Request No.      1-1

Requestor: Karen Cremer

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Question:

Please explain why Xcel is requesting this waiver before determining the number of customers, if any, will choose to switch rate codes or adjust their predetermined demand level (PDL).

Response:

The proposed waiver is the result of experience with our 2014 test event, which provided data estimating that approximately 25% of customers failed to fully control to the PDL in their service agreement.

By providing a one-time waiver the summer after this test event, customers will be able to reevaluate their firm service PDL without a cancellation charge. This change will help the Company to more accurately determine the size of the program prior to increased program use by MISO and potential future adjustments noted in our Petition.

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