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Case No.: EL15-014

Response To: South Dakota Public
Utilities Commission

Data Request No. 2-4

Requestor: Karen Cremer

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Question:

For the previous 18 month period, please provide an estimate of the incremental costs incurred to firm general service customers due to Energy Controlled and Peak Controlled customers being charged discounted rates.

Response:

The annual total demand and energy charge discounts for Energy Controlled and Peak Controlled customers was \$1,335,000 for test year 2013 in the Company's recent rate case, Docket No. EL14-058. This amount factored to 18 months is \$2,003,000.

A primary rate design goal for interruptible service programs is that its value to the system and all customers is greater than the cost of the interruptible rate discounts. The value of interruptible service includes the benefit of the avoided generation costs, system operational flexibility and increased reliability to the grid.

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