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Xcel Energy

Docket No.: EL15-015

Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Data Request No. 1-9
Commission

Requestor: Darren Kearney

Date Received: October 16, 2015

Question:

Please explain why Xcel believes the 2016 Business Lighting Efficiency budget is adequate to meet expected program demand given that the program was suspended in 2014 due to the overwhelming amount of participation in 2013.

Response:

We believe the 2016 Business Lighting Efficiency program is well positioned to stay within the filed budget. Unlike past years, our current portfolio now exclusively offers rebates on the more market-transforming LED lighting measures. LED lighting is still an emerging technology and currently in lower demand than older and less-efficient lighting technology once offered in our 2013 portfolio. Therefore, the difference in technologies will likely prevent a suspension to the program.

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